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ALBION, INDIANA

2003

Peggy Nei, 66

COLUMBIA CITY -- Peggy A. Nei, 66, of Columbia City, a native of Churubusco, died Monday, December 24, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

She had worked in the offices of Dr. Fred Allina, Dr. James R. Roth and Dr. John S. Wilson, for Whitley Medical Associates, Whitley County Memorial Hospital medical records department and for Central Soya as a secretary.

Surviving are her husband, Phil; sons, James M. of Columbia City and Jon M. of Albion; a daughter, Cheryl Houlihan of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Memorials services were Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

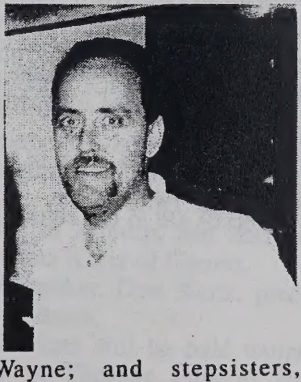
Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Shane Leazier

COLUMBIA CITY -- Shane Michael Leazier, 41, of Columbia City, died Saturday, December 22, 2001, at his parents' home.

The Whitley County native had been honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in 1982 and worked at Reelcraft for 12 years.

Surviving are his sons, Shane M. Jr. and Blake A., both of Tri Lakes; a daughter, Jenna C. Leazier of Columbia City; his mother and stepfather, Judy and Raymond Patten of Tri Lakes; his father and stepmother, Larry and Lucille Leazier of Montpelier, Ohio; brothers, Larry L. of Columbia City, Donald E. III and Shannon R., both of Tri Lakes; sisters, Roxsann M. Carter and Michele K. Nichols, both of Tri Lakes; a half brother, Mark A. of Montpelier, Ohio; stepbrothers, Kevin Wood and Vaughn Hukill, both of Bryan, Ohio, and Douglas E. Patten of Fort Wayne; and stepsisters, Candice L. Patten of Churubusco, Linda S. Patten and Tamara K. Patten, both of Columbia City.



Services were Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Memorials are to Children of Shane Michael Leazier Education Fund or Whitley County Community Foundation.

THE NEWS-SUN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2002

H.D. Allen

LAGRANGE — H.D. "Red" Allen, 60, died at 3:16 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2001, at home in LaGrange.

The retired plant manager came to LaGrange from Valparaiso in 1989. He was a member of Moose Lodge 1351 in LaGrange.

He was born Aug. 18, 1941, in Knox to Hargis and Mary (Webb) Allen. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Knox. On June 29, 1985, in Hamlet he married Faye Gast, who also survives.

Other surviors include two daughters, Angela Rice of Plymouth and Denise Muneerah of Reno, Nev.; two stepdaughters, Jennifer Lindsay of Port Lavaco, Texas, and JoAnn Elkins of Valparaiso; a stepson, James Walker of Valparaiso; three sisters, Anita McKew of Hamlet, Mary Ed McCune of Argos and Vicki Chambers of Sarasota, Fla.; two brothers, Lester Barnett of Westville and Garry Schwartz of Knox; and eight grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Washington Evangelical Free Church, Valparaiso, with Dr. Tom Andres officiating. Burial will be at Graceland Cemetery, Valparaiso.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, and 4-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

William Mielke

FORT WAYNE — William "Bill" Mielke, 91, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Paulding, Ohio, native was a master sergeant in the 11th Bomb Group of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. He was a diesel mechanic with Meek Mack Inc. for 26 years, retiring in 1973. He was a member of American Legion Post 82, the Disabled American Veterans and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Kathleen Mielke of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Dan West of Huntertown and Sandra and Grant Ellington of West Allis, Wis.; three grandchildren; a great-grandson; three stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Five sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Gladys Armel

COLUMBIA CITY — Gladys L. Armel, 92, died Sunday morning, Dec. 30, 2001, at home in Columbia City.

Her formative years were spent in Warren. Her family moved to Bluffton while she was a teen. She graduated from Bluffton High School and Fort Wayne Business College. After marriage, she lived in Fort Wayne and, later, Kendallville. She and her husband moved to Columbia City in 1946. She lived with her daughter since 1990. She was a homemaker and a member of First Church of God. She volunteered at Miller's Merry Manor for nine years.

She was born July 27, 1909, in Wells County to Charles W. and Addie M. (Mills) Huffman. On April 13, 1929, she married George C. Armel, who preceded her in death in February 1978.

Surviving are a daughter, Gloria J. Aumsbaugh of Columbia City; a son, Jerry L. Armel of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

A brother, Herman Huffman, preceded her in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. George Reser, senior pastor of First Church of God, and Pastor Lee Aumsbaugh, a grandson, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Columbia City.

Calling is 2-8 today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Church of God building fund.

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Frank Smith

ASHLEY — Frank J. Smith, 97, of Ashley, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2001, at 4:45 a.m. in Northern Lakes Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mr. Smith retired in 1967 after 25 years at Warner Gear in Auburn. He served as the sexton of St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo from 1967 to 1983 and as chairman of the cemetery committee from 1983 until his death.

He was an avid bowler and was active in baseball as an umpire. He was a graduate of Garrett High School.

He was born Aug. 4, 1904, in Fort Wayne to John C. and Katherine (Metzler) Smith.

He married Violet Reasoner in Auburn on June 28, 1927. She died Jan. 4, 1960.

He married Edna Stack in Waterloo on Oct. 12, 1979. She died July 16, 1994.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, J.C. and Janis Smith of Hudson, and Larry and Sue Smith of Coldwater, Mich.; eight grandchildren, Jeff, Joey and Jim Smith, Pam Quaintance, Sherry Roddy, David Smith, Gary Smith and Kimberly Smith; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord celebrating the Mass. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Calling is tonight from 5-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church for Masses.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Warren Kurtz

GARRETT— Warren G. Kurtz, 63, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, at 7:19 p.m. in Garrett.

Mr. Kurtz worked as a repairman at Navistar for 30 years, retiring in 1988. He worked for Passages Inc. for six years at the Interstate 69 rest park until September 2001. He was currently a van driver for Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

He was a lifetime Garrett resident and a member and trustee of the Garrett Eagles Lodge.

He was born Jan. 17, 1938, in Garrett to Lawrence and Dorothy (Sanders) Kurtz. His mother survives in Columbia City and his father preceded him in death.

He married Kathleen Nodine on July 31, 1960, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Terry Kurtz of Garrett; one daughter, Lissa Butler of Auburn; three brothers, Dean Kurtz of Altaloma, Calif., Thomas Kurtz of Rotunda West, Fla., and George Kurtz of Crystal, Minn.; four sisters, Marlene Heller and Carol Kurtz, both of Columbia City, Amy Green of Angola, and Suzanne Mayberry of Corunna; and five grandchildren, Amanda Fetters of St. Joe, Daniel and Katelynn Butler of Auburn, and Jessica and Christina Kurtz of Garrett.

A brother, Don Kurtz, preceded him in death.

Services will be held tonight at 7:30 in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Embrey Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wee Haven or the activities department at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Charles Koons

FORT WAYNE — Charles O. Koons, 100, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Avilla native was executive vice president of Wayne Hardware for 46 years, retiring in 1966. He was president and treasurer of the St. Joe Athletic Club for 11 years. He was inducted into the Fort Wayne Baseball Hall of Fame in 1975 and was awarded the Elmer Wagner Award by the Old Timers Baseball Association.

Surviving are his wife, Hildegard S. Koons of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Barbara L. Penn of Haines City, Fla.; a brother, James Koons of Avilla; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers preceded him in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Anne's Home Chapel, 1900 Randallia Drive. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday at the chapel.

Memorials are to Masses.

Nancy Simon

AVILLA — Nancy J. Simon, 63, of Avilla, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

An Avilla resident since 1964, she was a homemaker and a member of the Kendallville Faith United Methodist Church, the Swan Township Homemakers Club and the Rebekah Lodge.

She was born Aug. 15, 1938, in Helmer, to Ralph C. and Miriam L. (Warble) Becker. On June 4, 1961, in Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, she married Allan H. Simon, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son, Brent A. Simon of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Steven Vore of Upland; two grandchildren, Jacob Donovan and Reilly Margaret Vore; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Katherine and Hugh Mullen and Victoria Becker of Kendallville, Miriam L. Coil and Rozanne Becker of Fort Wayne, Janis and Jim Tuttle of Auburn and Linda and Fred McWhinney of Pretty Lake; and two brothers, Ralph Becker of Fort Collins, Colo., and Richard Becker of West Virginia.

A sister, Marjorie, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with the Rev. Jim Toole officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, the American Red Cross or the Northeast Indiana Kidney Center in Auburn.

Kevin Gaerte

CHURUBUSCO — Kevin P. "K.P." Gaerte, 57, of rural Avilla, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at DeSoto Memorial Hospital in Arcadia, Fla.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Lou (Lengerich) Gaerte; a daughter, Barbara Gaerte of St. Paul, Minn.; and three sons, Matthew Gaerte of Cedar Springs, Mich., and Dean and Ben Gaerte, both of Avilla.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

George Wittwer

FORT WAYNE — George O. Wittwer, 52, died Tuesday in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Fort Wayne and worked as a carpenter, home builder and craftsman.

Surviving are a son, Brandon of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Wendy O'Hara of Anderson; his parents, Richard and Mila Wittwer of Fort Wayne; a brother, Curtis of Spencerville; two sisters, Linda Bennett of Kendallville and Mary Mylet of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Friday from 2-5 p.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to AA, Fort Wayne Chapter.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Greg L. Hart** were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial was in Rehobeth Cemetery. Pallbearers were Les, Kamern and David Gebbink, Jody Hodge, Buck Norton, Donald Greene and John Hart.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2002

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AVILLA — Nancy J. Simon, 63, of Avilla, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

An Avilla resident since 1964, she was a homemaker and a member of the Kendallville Faith United Methodist Church, the Swan Township Homemakers Club and the Rebekah Lodge.

She was born Aug. 15, 1938, in Helmer, to Ralph C. and Miriam L. (Warble) Becker. On June 4, 1961, in Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, she married Allan H. Simon, and he survives.

Also surviving are her mother, of Kendallville; a son, Brent A. Simon of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Steven Vore of Upland; two grandchildren, Jacob Donovan and Reilly Margaret Vore; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Katherine and Hugh Mullen and Victoria Becker of Kendallville, Miriam L. Coil and Rozanne Becker of Fort Wayne, Janis and Jim Tuttle of Auburn and Linda and Fred McWhinney of Pretty Lake; and two brothers, Ralph Becker of Fort Collins, Colo., and Richard Becker of West Virginia.

A sister, Marjorie, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with the Rev. Jim Toole officiating. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, the American Red Cross or the Northeast Indiana Kidney Center in Auburn.

Kevin Gaerte

AVILLA — Kevin P. "K.P." Gaerte, 57, of rural Avilla, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at DeSoto Memorial Hospital in Arcadia, Fla.

He was well known in the area for collecting and pulling antique tractors, and was the founder of the Tri-County Antique Puller's Association. He was an electrical technician and Noble County farmer. He was also a member of the Blue River Church of the Brethren in Whitley County. He attended Albion schools and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1963. He and his wife had spent winters in Arcadia since 1980.

Mr. Gaerte

He was born Oct. 28, 1944, in Wolf Lake, to Curtis and Julia (Conner) Gaerte. On Oct. 1, 1966, in Whitley County, he married Mary Lou Lengerich, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Barbara Gaerte of St. Paul, Minn.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Matthew and Pat Gaerte of Cedar Springs, Mich., and Dean and Sylvia Gaerte and Ben Gaerte, all of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Loren M. "Ike" and Hope Gaerte of Albion; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen and Roger Smith of Churubusco, Judy and Terry Wootan of Albuquerque, N.M., and Jenny and Terry Skiles of Avilla; and four grandchildren, Diamond, Mikaela, Autumn and Dean Gaerte Jr.

Two brothers, Richard D. and Gene S., preceded him in death on May 8, 1982, and Nov. 18, 1999.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Blue River Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. Craig Alan Myers officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, and at the church one hour before services on Monday. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sypathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Katie Troyer

MIDDLEBURY — Katie Troyer, 80, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, at Goshen General Hospital.

A lifelong area resident, she was a homemaker and a member of Roselawn Conservative Mennonite Church in Middlebury. She was an avid quilter.

She was born June 5, 1921, in LaGrange County, to Monroe and Emma (Schlabach) Yoder. On Dec. 22, 1945, in Provo, Utah, she married Alvin O. Troyer, and he preceded her in death on July 27, 1996.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Gloria Shetler and Sarah and Wilbur Bontrager, all of Middlebury, and Darlene and Paul Wagler of Millbank, Ontario, Canada; a son and daughter-in-law, Rodney W. and LaVera Troyer of White Pigeon, Mich.; 18 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Ann Bontrager and Sylvia and Crist Bontrager, all of Shipshewana, and Edna Yoder and Liz and Jerry Mast of Goshen and Emma and Mahlon Eash, all of Yutica, Ohio; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Henry and Polly Yoder, Amos and Barb Yoder and Monroe Jr. and Susan Yoder, all of Goshen.

A daughter, Florene (Troyer) Yoder, a sister, Amanda Cebik, and a brother, Joe Yoder, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Griner Mennonite Church in Middlebury, with the Rev. Thad Lechlitner, the Rev. Troy Brubaker and the Rev. Harry Yoder of Roselawn Conservative Mennonite Church officiating. Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 2-8 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are Gospel Echoes or World Missionary Press. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Robert Roe

BLUFFTON — Robert Dean Roe, 63, of Ozark, Mo., formerly of Bluffton, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at Cox South Hospital in Springfield, Mo.

He was born in Wells County and was an aide at the Masonic Home in Minneapolis, Monn.

Surviving are several cousins, including Marry Coffield of Bluffton, Kathleen Steckley of Kendallville, Judson Raver and Rita Bakalar, both of Fort Wayne, Nancy Kinnison of West Melton, Ohio, Mary Ann Bash of Englwood, Colo., Mrs. Tom Erb of Lawrence, Kan., and Dr. Michael Simmons of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Thoma-Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton, with calling three hours before services. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Rachel Tucker

SOUTH WHITLEY — Rachel Ann Grant Tucker, 40, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at home.

She was born in Huntington County and had been self employed as a truck driver for the Moorman Trucking Co. for several years.

Surviving are her fiancé, Randy Moorman of South Whitley; her mother, Ruth Ann Geist Grant of South Whitley; a sister, Clara North of South Whitley; and three brothers, Sam and Ben Grant of South Whitley and Matthew Grant of Albion.

Services will be held Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley. Calling will be today from 2-9 p.m. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or a church of the donor's choice.

Leora Wertman

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Leora E. Wertman, 77, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at home.

She was a homemaker and was born in Allen County.

Surviving are four sons, Geary of Noble County, Max and Gale of Leo-Cedarville and Roger of Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter, Barbara Hyre of Spencerville; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Hilda Carper of Ashley.

Her husband, Harold L., preceded her in death in 1988.

Services will be held Monday at Harvest Free Will Baptist Church, 5903 E. Dupont Road, with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery, Leo-Cedarville.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice, Cancer Services of Allen County, or the church.

Ada Fritz

GREENWOOD — Ada K. Fritz, 78, of Greenwood and formerly of Fort Wayne and Wolcottville, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, at her home.

She was a secretary at Wayne Knitting & Slaughter Hardware in Fort Wayne and a member and secretary for Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

She was born May 18, 1923, in Fort Wayne, and later married Carl F. Fritz of Greenwood. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Dr. Janice Fitzharris Stall of Greenwood; and four grandchildren.

A daughter, Barbara Dobbs, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at noon at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling two hours before services. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2002 THE NEWS-SUN

Linda Beverly

LIGONIER — Linda D. Beverly, 49, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, in her Ligonier home.

She worked at Bluffton Rubber Corp. and lived in Ligonier for 28 years, moving there from Albion. She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier. She was a graduate of Central Noble High School.

Mrs. Beverly was born Dec. 14, 1952, in Kendallville. Her mother, Thelma (Leamon) Hickman, survives in Albion and her father, Maynard Smith, preceded her in death in 1967.

She married Freeman Beverly on June 14, 1973, in Albion, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jon Beverly of Ligonier; and one daughter, Jonel Beverly Groscost of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by one son, Joseph Beverly; and one sister, Teresa Amburgey in 1995.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Bill Parks and the Rev. Jim Farr officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Jimmie Collins

KENDALLVILLE — Jimmie Collins, 61, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, at 5:15 p.m. in the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Mari Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Infant Mari Esther Miller was stillborn Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at 11:18 p.m. in Goshen General Hospital.

Surviving her are her parents, Herman J. and Karen J. (Miller) Miller of Middlebury; three brothers, Marcus, Mathew and Jeremy, all at home; her grandparents, Perry Jay and Esther Miller of Middlebury, and Jacob W. and Anna Miller of Topeka; and her great-grandparents, Lloyd and Katie Miller of Middlebury.

Private family services will be held, with Bishop Allen Miller and the Rev. Lloyd Miller of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Heine

FORT WAYNE — Virginia B. Heine, 82, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at 7:30 a.m. at her Fort Wayne home.

She retired in 1981 as a service representative from the Social Security Administration in Leesburg, Fla. She was a member of Promise Lutheran Church and a former member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, where she served in various capacities. She was a past board member of Valparaiso University Guild and the former district secretary of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Mrs. Heine was born Jan. 10, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Edward H. and Laura L. (Walda) Yergens.

She married the Rev. Herman H. Heine, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Holly June Hammann of Creve Coeur, Mo.; one son, Mark Edward Heine of Rome City; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

One sister, June Fitzgerald, preceded her in death.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Timothy Sims will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Promise Lutheran Church.

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Mary Gerver

WAWAKA — Mary Catherine Gerver, 72, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at 9:45 p.m. at her rural Wawaka home.

She was a homemaker and had been a secretary at Cosperville Baptist Church, where she was a member. She also worked on the Elkhart Township Election Board for a number of years. She enjoyed sewing and crafts and was a lifetime Noble County resident.

Mrs. Gerver

Mrs. Gerver was born June 29, 1929, in Albion to Clinton and Viva (Lewis) Weber.

She married Willis L. Gerver on Dec. 26, 1948, in Cosperville and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Karen Gerver of Mishawaka, and Kent and Sandy Gerver of Wawaka; two daughters, a son-in-law, and a fiancé, Linda and Carl Coffman of Kimmell, and Jan Knight and Mark Woodworth of Wawaka; one brother, Donald Weber of Fort Wayne, 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Bob, Kenneth and Max; and two sisters, Donna and Leila.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Cosperville Baptist Church, with the Rev. Larry Wilson and the Rev. Jim Barnes officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Parkview Hospice.

Jimmie Collins

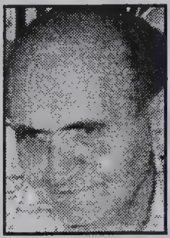
KENDALLVILLE — Jimmie Darrell Collins, 61, died at 5:55 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital's emergency room in Kendallville after an extended illness.

He retired in 1976 from Newnam Foundry, Kendallville. He had lived in the area 37 years, coming from Kentucky.

He was born April 4, 1940, in Knott County, Ky., to William and Ocie (Wicker) Collins.

On Dec. 31, 1966, in Clintwood, Va., he married Lorene Crager, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kimberly and Jamie Van Auken and Jennifer Collins, all of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Brianna and Andrew Van Auken, both of Kendallville; four sisters, Pauline Bosen of Mousie, Ky., Avenelle Collins of Lackey, Ky., Marcella Osterreicher of Florida, and Oldia Long of Mount Sterling, Ky.; and a brother, Morell Collins of St. Marys, Ohio.


Mr. Collins

A daughter, Stephanie Collins, and four brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Lisbon, with evening services tonight and Monday at 6 p.m. Elders Russell Hicks and Morris Wicker of the church will officiate.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is after 3 p.m. today and all day Monday at the church.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Dennis Baker

ST. JOE — Dennis L. Baker, 62, of St. Joe, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, at 5:25 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He owned Green Grow Lawncare for 24 years, and also owned Right of Way Management.

Mr. Baker

A 1959 graduate of Riverdale High School, he later graduated from Purdue University with a degree in agronomy.

As a member of Cedar Creek Church of Christ, Leo, he was very active, being a past deacon, elder and trustee. He was a board member of Cedar Creek Childcare, which is affiliated with the church, and Woodburn Christian Children's Home. He was a member of the St. Joe Lions Club.

He was born Sept. 9, 1939, in Concord Township, DeKalb County, to Clayton A. and Harriett (Yeiser) Baker. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in St. Joe.

On July 1, 1961, at Newville Church of Christ he married Karen Koeppe, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Brad Lee and Lisa Baker and Chadd Alan and Nicole Baker, all of St. Joe; a daughter and son-in-law, Jodi Lynn and Jay Kelbley of Pittsford, N.Y.; a foster son and his wife, Dan and Stacy Smith of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Richard Hancock of West Lafayette; and three grandchildren, Clayton A. and Claire E. Baker and Austin M. Smith.

A grandson, A. J. Smith, also preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Cedar Creek Church of Christ, S.R. 1, Leo, with Ronald Collins officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Woodburn Christian Children's Home, Woodburn.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net .

Max Norris

LARWILL — Max L. Norris, 83, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, in Shelton, Wash.

The Richland Township, Whitley County, native held a degree in civil engineering from Purdue University.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II and retired from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Surviving are two sons, Max E. Norris of The Plains, Ohio, and Richard Norris of Shelton, Wash.; two daughters, Beth Norris of Birmingham, England, and Sandy Woodruff of Rochester, Minn.; two brothers, Dean Norris of Auburn and Rex Norris of Rochester, Vt.; two sisters, Violet Phister of Fort Wayne and Joan Clapp of Columbia City; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

His wife, Donna, and a brother preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday in Shelton, Wash.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Local arrangements are by Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Eleanor Schuman

CORUNNA — Eleanor L. Schuman, 87, of Corunna, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at her home.

A homemaker, she was a member of Zion Lutheran Church West Fairfield, Corunna.

She was born April 24, 1914, in Kendallville to Edward and Clara (Hess) Muesing. On Feb. 21, 1939, in Kendallville, she married Ervin Schuman, and he preceded her in death April 22, 1980. A brother, Robert Muesing, is also deceased.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Fred and Mary Schuman of Geneva and Charles and Ann Schuman of Corunna; a sister, Margaret Griffin of Garrett; four grandsons, David Schuman of Corunna, Brian Schuman of Wawaka, Phillip Schuman of Vera Cruz and Joseph Schuman of Geneva; a granddaughter, Katherine Schuman of Geneva; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Larry Hall

KENDALLVILLE — Larry G. Hall, 57, of Kendallville, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital. Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Pearl Kline

AVILLA — Pearl A. Kline, 98, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She had moved to Rome City in 1978 and lived in Avilla for the past six years. She had retired from farming.

Mrs. Kline was born Aug. 21, 1903, in Salem, Ohio, to John B. and Mary (Pople) Hendricks. On June 25, 1949, in Garrett, she married Homer R. Kline, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 11, 1988. A daughter, Mary Feightner; a son, Edward F. Kline; seven brothers and sisters and one grandchild are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Betty L. Graves of Wolcottville; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 26 great-great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Blaine Edward Feightner, her grandson, officiating. Family viewing will be Thursday from 10-11 a.m. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home activities fund.

Services Held

AVILLA — Services for **Nancy J. Simon** were held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with the Rev. Jim Toole officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were Terry Kemerly, Craig Mullen, Barry and Steven Simon and Jeffery and Stuart Tuttle. Honorary pallbearers were Jacob Vore, Fred McWhinney, Hugh Mullen and Jim Tuttle.

Marylin Wright

FORT WAYNE — Marylin Wright, 66, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at Parkview Hospital.

She was a secretary and receptionist for 13 years, retiring in 2000.

She was born in Ligonier.

Surviving are her husband, John Jack; two sons, John C. Jr. of Arlington, Texas, and Joel of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Geri Freiburger of Payne, Ohio, Judi Lindsay of Avon and Jayne Proper of Fremont; two brothers, Quentin Miller of Ligonier and C. Jack Miller of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Eloise Arnold and Barbara Woods, both of Fort Wayne and Katherine Gangwer of Ligonier; six grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Prairie Grove Cemetery. Calling will be Tuesday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 6810 Old Trail Road.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Ruth Gillis

GOSHEN — Ruth L. Gillis, 87, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002.

She was a homemaker and lifelong Milford resident. She married Harry W. Gillis, and he preceded her in death in 1984. A daughter, Sherry Manges, and a son, Dennis, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Strang of Syracuse; a brother, Charles Lingofelter of Nappanee; and five grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Milford. Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Union Center Cemetery, Nappanee.

Memorials are to Milford Christian Church.

Gary Gravit Jr.

CASSOPOLIS, Mich. — Gary R. Gravit Jr., 32, of Cassopolis, Mich., died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, at V.A. Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

He had worked in landscaping and had moved from South Bend to Cassopolis 24 years ago, graduating from Cassopolis High School. He was a member of William E. Lozier VFW Post 10704 in Cassopolis and loved to hunt and fish.

He was born July 23, 1969, in Fort Benning, Ga., to Gary R. Sr. and Donna J. Gravit, and his parents survive in Cassopolis, along with his stepfather, Steve Riege, and his stepmother, Belinda Gravit, also of Cassopolis.

Also surviving are a brother, Kelly Lee, of Edwardsburg, Mich; two sisters, Tracy Marie Backus and Katey Lynn Gravit, both of Niles, Mich.; his paternal grandmother, Kathryn Gravit of Howe; his step grandfather, Leo Riege of Elkhart; his step grandparents, Karl and Dora Krisler of Cassopolis; and his girlfriend, Kim Luong of Holland, Mich.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Connelly Funeral Home in Cassopolis, with the Rev. Larry Settle of Pleasant View Church of Christ officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in South Bend, with military rites by the William E. Lozier VFW Post 10704 and the Efton James American Legion Post 206 of Cassopolis.

Memorials are to the William E. Lozier VFW Post 10704 Cancer Fund.

Francis Holmes

HUDSON — Francis "Frank" Holmes, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at 7:35 p.m. in Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Harriet Cregier

GOSHEN — Harriet L. Cregier, 82, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at home.

A lifelong Goshen resident, she was a homemaker and a crossing guard for 38 years for Parkside School. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she served in the choir and as a Sunday school teacher, was involved with youth, women's and adult fellowship and was clerk of the Session. She prepared and served meals for large groups at the church and also served as its historian. She was awarded the Most Spirited Senior award by the Hall of Fame, Elkhart County Council on Aging.

She was born Jan. 8, 1919, in Goshen, to Oscar and Letta (Myer) Miller. On Aug. 15, 1937, in Goshen, she married Joseph G. Cregier, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 17, 1981. A brother, Wayne Miller, is also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Robert Staigmiller of Absarokke, Mont., and Janice and Jeffery Caton of Goshen; a son, J. Daniel Cregier of Goshen; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, with the Rev. Charlie Winkelman and the Rev. Alan Griffin officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to the church or Hospice of Elkhart County.

Larry Hall

KENDALLVILLE — Larry G. Hall, 57, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He worked at Lane Foundry in Kendallville and Foley Pattern in Auburn, and had also worked as a logger in Ohio. He was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

He was born Sept. 3, 1944, in Printer in Floyd County, Ky., to Robert and Ocie (Hunter) Hall.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Robin and John Farley of Kendallville; five sons and two daughters-in-law, Scott and Diana Hall of New London, Ohio, William Hall, Larry R. Hall and Jamie and Joyce Hall, all of Kendallville, and Michael Hall of Norwall, Ohio; the children's mother, Yvonne Elaine Hall; four brothers, Herschel and Linnard Hall of Wakeman, Ohio, Adrian Hall of Fitchville, Ohio, and Phillip Hall of Kendallville; 18 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his friend, Twana McPherson.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Eastman Funeral Home in New London, Ohio. Calling will be Monday from 7-9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at Eastman Funeral Home in New London. Burial will be in Fitchville Cemetery in Fitchville, Ohio.

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Ura Gingerich

LAGRANGE — Ura S. Gingerich, 79, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

He was a farmer and carpenter and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 8, 1922, in Shipshewana, to Jacob J. and Annie (Schrock) Gingerich. On Oct. 21, 1943, he married Lucy Mast, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 20, 1995. His stepmother, Fannie (Bontrager) Gingerich, is also deceased, and a son, Melvin Lee Gingerich, died July 4, 1966.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joanna and Elmer Yoder of Topeka; seven grandchildren; six sisters and four brothers-in-law, Fannie Fry, Amanda and Levi Jones, Emma and Levi Schrock, Elizabeth and Leroy Miller and Ella and Albert Schrock, all of Shipshewana, and Ida Miller of Goshen; and two brothers, Mose Gingerich of Goshen and Ezra Gingerich of Shipshewana.

Services will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at his daughter's home at 8330W C.R. 200S, Topeka, with Bishop Monroe Yoder and the Home Ministers officiating. Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at his daughter's home. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Joan Friend

AVILLA — Joan E. Friend, 81, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She served as head industrial nurse for Magnavox, retiring in 1982 after 20 years. She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Richard W.; two sons, Douglas R. of Kernersville, N.C., and Gregory J. of New Port Richey, Fla.; four daughters, Pamela J. Bradford of Villa Park., Ill., Nannette K. Hornberger of Hialeah, Fla., Diane C. Strawn of Bloomington and Janneen E. DeCamp of Auburn; a sister, Marjorie Shindler of Defiance, Ohio; 16 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St., with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with a rosary service at 7 p.m. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

George Dalton Jr.

BREMEN — George R. Dalton Jr., 59, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

He was born April 29, 1942, in Rutledge, Tenn., to George R. Sr. and Trula Mae (Lakins) Dalton. He married Phyllis K. Pauley, and she survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are his father; two daughters, Georgette Dalton of Bremen and Nancy Weaver of Elkhart; a stepdaughter, Rebecca Ewert of Wolcottville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Lee Dalton and Jerry and Kay Dalton, all of Bremen; a granddaughter; three step granddaughters; and a step-grandson.

A daughter, Norma Dalton, and an infant sister, Nancy Dalton, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen, with the Rev. Roger Rohde officiating. Calling will be today from 5-7 p.m. and Wednesday one hour before services. Burial will be in Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Naomi Black

ALBION — Naomi M. Black, 86, formerly of Albion, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Fla.

She was a homemaker and lifelong Albion resident before moving to Pensacola in 1995. She was active in the Noble County Historical Society Museum and the American Red Cross.

She was born Sept. 7, 1915, in North Webster, to Daniel and Emma (Snoke) Eberly. She married Paul Black in 1939, and he preceded her in death in 1997.

Surviving are two sons, Lowell Black of Fort Wayne and Ross Black of Pensacola; a daughter, Kathryn Underwood of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Berean Baptist Church in Albion, with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion and one hour before services at the church on Thursday. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Services Held

WAWAKA — Services for **Mary Catherine Gerver**, 72, of Wawaka, were held Monday at 10 a.m. at Cosperville Baptist Church, with the Rev. Larry Wilson and the Rev. Jim Barnes officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion. Pallbearers were Matt, Mark and Ryan Gerver, Chad Shepherd, George DeWald and Kerry Hawk. Honorary pallbearers were John Rose, Mike Hodge and Michael Gerver. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

ALBION — Services for **Linda Beverly** were held Monday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Bill Parks and the Rev. Jim Farr officiating.

Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam. Pallbearers were Tim and Joe Leamon, Larry, Chad and Nick Beverly, Jeff and Glen Hickman and Tim Branam.

Richard Sunderland

CHURUBUSCO — Richard "Dick" David Sunderland, 63, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, in Las Vegas.

He had been a car salesman.

Surviving are five daughters, Vickie Powell and Karen Burris of Churubusco, Carolyn Louden of Cromwell, Melinda Budd of Fort Wayne and Molly Sunderland of Phoenix; two sons, Jeff and Stephen, both of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Ann Kramer and Jane Tracy of Fort Wayne and Suzan Prescott of Huntertown.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Churubusco, with calling after services. American Burial and Memorial in Las Vegas is in charge of arrangements.

John Treece

NAPPANEE — John A. Treece, 60, of Nappanee, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

He had worked at various recreational vehicle factories in the area and was an avid fan of NASCAR races.

He was born Dec. 2, 1941, in Elkhart County to Benjamin and Libby (Kime) Treece.

Surviving are two daughters, Cindy Treece of LaGrange and Buffy Stahl of Sturgis, Mich.; three sons, John B. Treece of Nappanee, Rory Treece of Bristol and Joe Treece of LaGrange; four grandchildren; and a sister, Pat Millard of Happy, Ky.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury, with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to the funeral home.

Francis Holmes

HUDSON — Francis J. "Frank" Holmes, 76, of rural Hudson died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at 7:35 p.m. at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mr. Holmes retired from the Ford Motor Co. in Detroit on Jan. 1, 1991, after 28 years as an engineer.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II. He was a life member of the Orland American Legion Post 423, a life member of the DAV of Lagrange Post 45 and a member of the 40 & 8 of Angola 483.

Mr. Holmes was a former member of the Salem Center Fire Department and was on the Indiana State Pupil Transportation Board, where he was an organizer of the rule for school bus safety.

He was born Nov. 24, 1925, in Anderson to Francis and Victoria (Osalier) Holmes.

He married Connie Gaff in Mooresville on Aug. 31, 1985. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Francis "Joe" Holmes and Richard "Rick" Holmes, both of Beavercreek, Ohio; four daughters, Lorie Holmes and Janet Rohlman, both of Indianapolis, Vicki Mullins of Beavercreek, Ohio, and Sue Jenkins of Springfield, Ohio; one stepdaughter, Lezlie Franks of Littleton, Colo.; 11 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Michael and Thomas.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco, with the Rev. Vaughn Powell officiating. Military graveside services will be provided by Orland American Legion Post 423.

There will be private family visitation.

Memorials are to the Steuben Humane Society.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Harold Brown

AUBURN — Harold D. Brown, 86, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Brown worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps and helped build Ouabache State Park in Bluffton. He also was a machinist, farmer, general contractor and carpenter.

Mr. Brown

He was born March 23, 1915, in DeKalb County to Lawrence H. and Mildred (Likens) Brown.

On July 3, 1938 he married Mildred K. Rinehold. She survives.

Also surviving are seven sons, David Brown and Dennis Brown of Auburn, Dorsey Brown and Dexter Brown of Waterloo, Darold Brown of Garrett, Daniel Brown of Butler and Douglas Brown of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; three daughters, Darlene Tucker of Waterloo, Deanna Hart of Kendallville and Debra Brown of Avilla; one sister, Marybelle Haiflich of Auburn; one brother, Lee Brown of Waterloo; 45 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Ruth Johnson of Hammond, and four brothers, Almon Brown of Auburn, Edward Brown of Waterloo, Elson Brown of Auburn and Lawrence "Bud" Brown of Hamilton.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo.

Dean Brown

HUDSON — Dean R. Brown died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, at his home in Hudson

Mr. Brown had retired in 1996 from his work as a mechanic for United Parcel Service.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Elmer Largen

SYRACUSE — Elmer L. Largen, 84, of Syracuse, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

He graduated from Flora High School and retired in 1973 as manager of Ziesels Department Store. He was a member of Richville United Methodist Church, the Big Boulder Senior Golf League, the Warsaw Golf Club and the Ligonier Eagles. He also played guitar with the Hoosier Ramblers.

He was born May 2, 1917, in Flora to Ellis and Mary (Davis) Largen. On July 24, 1935, in Flora he married Mabel Justice, and she survives in Syracuse.

Also surviving are two daughters, Freda Rinker and Jill Breezley, both of Syracuse; a sister, Blanche Buck of Lafayette; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A son, Charles Largen, preceded him in death in 1983. A sister, two brothers and two grandsons are also deceased.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Tom Wiegand officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 6-8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until services on Friday. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery.

Memorials are to Richville United Methodist Church.

Betty McKeever

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Jane McKeever, 77, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

A homemaker, she was born Jan. 20, 1924, in Hudson to Howard and Avah Blanche (Freed) Krum. On June 7, 1947, at the Mitchell Street United Methodist Church in Kendallville she married Carl William McKeever, and he preceded her in death Sept. 12, 1997. An infant daughter, Sharon Lee Rigsby, and two sisters, June Holmes and Theda Weukom, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Jean Rigsby of Troy, Ohio; a granddaughter and her husband, Sandra and Kevin Dressler of Kendallville; a grandson, Paul Rigsby of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Roma and John Ludwig of Granger; three great-grandchildren, David, Tony and Darinda Dressler of Kendallville; and a brother-in-law, Dale Weukom of Garrett.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, LaGrange office or the Noble County Cancer Society.

Jerry Cline

HOWE — Jerry L. Cline, 60, of Howe, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

He had worked as a tool and die maker.

He was born March 2, 1941, in Fairmount, to Lewis and Florence (Cox) Cline.

Surviving are a daughter, Dr. Rhonda Sharp of Howe; a son, Lewis Cline of Chicago; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Linda and John and Elaine Cline, all of Marion; a sister and brother-in-law, Leah and Ray Smithson of Canon City, Colo.; and a grandson, Nicholas Sharp of Howe.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, 415 S. Main St., Fairmount. Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be in Park Cemetery in Fairmount.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Salvation Army, 427 W. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Services Held

LISBON — Services for **Jimmie D. Collins** were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon, with elders Russell Hicks and Morris Wicker officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City. Pallbearers were Joey Crager, Jamie VanAuken, Philip Shephard, Bill Tuttle and Bill Powers. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Kevin P. 'KP' Gaerte

AVILLA – Kevin P. "KP" Gaerte, 57, a resident of rural Avilla, died at 2:05 p.m. Tuesday, January 1, 2002, at the DeSoto Memorial Hospital in Arcadia, Florida. He had been a patient there for the past ten days.

Mr. Gaerte was born in Wolf Lake on October 28, 1944, a son of Curtis and Julia Conner Gaerte, and spent his formative years in Green Township. He attended Albion Schools, and was stricken with polio at age 14. After his recuperation he returned to school, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1963.

On October 1, 1966, he was married in Whitley County to Mary Lou Lengerich. The couple lived near Valparaiso for a period, where he attended Valparaiso Tech for two years. They moved to their present farm home in Noble County in 1968, where they raised four children.

In addition to being an electrical engineer, he was engaged in farming in Noble County for several years until he was forced to retire, due to ill health.

He and his wife had wintered in Arcadia, Florida, since 1980.

In addition to his work and family, he was well-known in the area for collecting and pulling antique tractors, and was the founder of the Tri-County Antique Puller's Association (TCAP). He was also a member of the Blue River Church of the Brethren in Whitley County.

The surviving relatives include his wife, Mary Lou; a daughter, Barbara Gaerte of St. Paul, Minn.; three sons, Matthew (wife Pat) Gaerte of Cedar Springs, Mich., and Dean (wife Sylvia) Gaerte and Ben Gaerte, both of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Loren M. "Ike" and Hope Gaerte of Albion; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen and Roger Smith of Churubusco, Judy and Terry Wootan of Albuquerque, N.M., and Jenny and Terry Skiles of Avilla. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Diamond Gaerte, Mikaela Gaerte, Autumn Gaerte, and Dean Gaerte, Jr.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard D. Gaerte on May 8, 1982, and Gene S. Gaerte on November 18, 1999.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 7, 2002, at the Blue River Church of the Brethren, Whitley County, with Pastor Craig Alan Myers, officiating.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com

Linda Beverly

LIGONIER - Linda D. Beverly, 49, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, in her Ligonier home.

She worked at Bluffton Rubber Corp. and lived in Ligonier for 28 years, moving there from Albion. She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier. She was a graduate of Central Noble High School.

Mrs. Beverly was born Dec. 14, 1952, in Kendallville. Her mother, Thelma (Leamon) Hickman, survives in Albion and her father, Maynard Smith, preceded her in death in 1967.

She married Freeman Beverly on June 14, 1973, in Albion, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jon Beverly of Ligonier; and one daughter, Jonel Beverly Groscost of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by one son, Joseph Beverly; and one sister, Teresa Amburgey in 1995.

Services were held on Monday, January 7, 2002 in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Bill Parks and the Rev. Jim Farr officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to the family.

Anita J. Parsons

FORT WAYNE – Anita J. Parsons, 83, of Fort Wayne, a retired secretary, died Monday, December 31, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital.

The Wolf Lake native retired in 1981 from IUE Union after 50 years of service.

Surviving are her husband, Richard G. Sr.; a stepdaughter, Debra McConnell of Huntertown; a stepson, Richard G. Jr. of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mary Parkison of Wolf Lake; brothers Paul and Bud Wysong, both of Wolf Lake; six nephews; and two nieces.

Private services will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge.

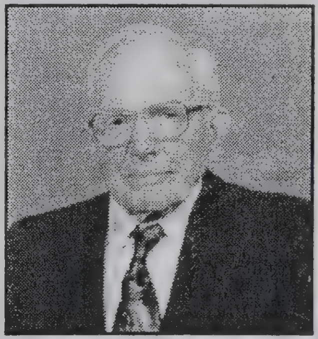
Clarence Schultz

FORT WAYNE – Clarence E. Schultz, age 100, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Clearwater, Florida, died at 12:00 p.m. Friday, December 28, 2001, in Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

He was born on June 19, 1901, in Sleepy Eye, MN, to John Schultz and Louise Moll Schultz. He was married to Mary Miller Schultz on February 27, 1986, in Clearwater, FL.

He farmed in Minnesota until 1958, moved to Florida in 1967 and then moved to Fort Wayne in 1995. He was a member of High Point United Methodist Church in Clearwater and he made and gave away over 30,000 stuffed animals.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Miller Schultz of Fort Wayne; one stepdaughter, Carol Schuster of Austin, Texas; three stepsons, Robert and Janet Miller of Albion; Harry and Sandy Miller of Copperas Cove, TX; and Kenneth and Carol Miller of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Selma Somerfeld of Clearwater, FL and Della Cunningham of Sleepy Eye, MN; 18 step-grandchildren; 28 step-great-grandchildren: 4 step-great-great-grandchildren: and several nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lillian Somerfeld Schultz in 1984, one stepdaughter, Shirley Powell of Churubusco, and one brother.

Services were held Monday, December 31, 2001, in the Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will follow in Clearwater, Florida, at a later date.

Memorials may be sent to Matthew 25 ministries.

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Naomi M. Black

ALBION - Naomi M. Black, 86, died on Sunday, January 6, 2002 at Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola Fla.

She was born on September 7, 1915 in North Webster, IN to Daniel and Emma (Snoke) Eberly, both deceased. In 1939 she married Paul Black, he died in 1997. She was a lifelong resident of Albion then moved to Pensacola Florida in 1995. Mrs. Black was active in the Noble County Historical Society Museum and the Red Cross.

Survivors include: two sons Lowell Black of Fort Wayne and Ross Black of Pensacola Florida; one daughter, Kathryn Underwood of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the Berean Baptist Church in Albion with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday, January 9, 2002 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion and also one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mary Gerver, 72

WAWAKA - Mary Catherine Gerver, 72, died Thursday, January 3, 2002, at 9:45 p.m. at her rural Wawaka home.

She was a homemaker and had been a secretary at Cosperville Baptist Church, where she was a member. She also worked on the Elkhart Township Election Board for a number of years. She enjoyed sewing and crafts and was a lifetime Noble County resident.

Mrs. Gerver was born June 29, 1929, in Albion to Clinton and Viva (Lewis) Weber.

She married Willis L. Gerver on Dec. 26, 1948 in Cosperville and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Karen Gerver of Mishawaka and Kent and Sandy Gerver of Wawaka; two daughters and a son-in-law, and a fiancé, Linda and Carl Coffman Kimmell, and Jan Knight and Mark Woodworth of Wawaka; one brother, Donald Weber of Fort Wayne, 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers Bob, Kenneth and Max; and two sisters, Donna and Leila.

Services were held on Monday, January 7, 2002 in Cosperville Baptist Church, with the Rev. Larry Wilson and the Rev. Jim Barnes officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Parkview Hospice.

Mable Sunderland

FORT WAYNE -- Mable I. Sunderland, 79 of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, January 5, 2002, at Parkview Hospital.

The Decatur native was a homemaker and a member of American Legion Auxiliary Post 82.

She is survived by her son, John of Fort Wayne; brothers, James and Dwight Speakman, both of Fort Wayne, and William Speakman of Huntertown; sisters, Jean Goldner of Decatur, Matilda Busche of Albion and Mary Nine of Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond; and two sisters.

Services were Tuesday at D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue.

Burial was at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to American Heart Association.

The Family of Hunter Paul Askren

would like to extend our sincere thanks to those of you who shared the recent loss of our precious angel Hunter. Your calls, visits, cards, flowers, food and prayers were much appreciated.

A very special thanks to the Noble County Sheriff's Dept., Albion Fire Dept., Albion Police Dept., Noble County E.M.S., ER staff of Parkview Noble Hospital, Rev. James Archambeault, Brazzell Funeral Home and Albion Fraternal Order of Eagles.

- The Family of Hunter Askren

Tony Askren, Karen Stroup, Kenny Sommers,
Keith Sommers, Cory & Heide Askren,
Heather Willett, Terry & Ann Askren

Rev. Albert Schlegel

FORT WAYNE — The Rev. Albert P. Schlegel, 98, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002, at the Lutheran Home.

He was born in Lima, Ohio, on June 9, 1903, the son of John and Lena Schlegel.

He graduated from Lima Business College and attended Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., graduating in 1928.

Rev. Schlegel

He was ordained as a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod pastor on July 15, 1928, at his home church in Lima. Three days later, on July 18, 1928, he married Luella Sigg in Toledo, Ohio.

Pastor Schlegel's first congregation was at Hunter, Kan. from 1928-1939. From 1939-1946, he served a church in Junction City, Kan.

From 1946-1949, he was at Schumm, Ohio, and on March 27, 1949, he was installed at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla. He served that congregation until Oct. 18, 1956.

He later served the communities of Tracy and Hamlet until 1962, when he accepted a call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Haven. He served there until 1966 and from 1966-1974 he was institutional chaplain in Fort Wayne. From 1974-1978, he was the pastor for the Lake George Chapel, Angola. He was vacancy pastor in Ossian for a period of three years and later assisted at Concordia Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. He retired in 1989.

His wife, Luella A., preceded him in death on Jan. 6, 1997.

Surviving are three sons, Albert P. Schlegel Jr. of New Haven, the Rev. Ronald J. Schlegel of North Myrtle Beach, N.C., and Orvin L. Schlegel of Warsaw; a daughter, Jeanette S. Groth, whose husband is a Lutheran missionary in Africa; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Concordia Cemetery Gardens Chapel, 5300 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. There will be no calling. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Lutheran Hour or Concordia Lutheran Church. E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 E., New Haven, is in charge of arrangements.

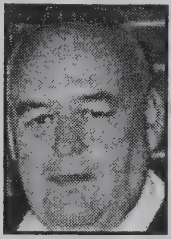
Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Eleanor L. Schuman** were held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Phillip, Ervin, Kate, David and Brian Schuman and Tim Griffin.

John Gilmore

LAGRANGE — John T. Gilmore, 63, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002, at home.

He was a partner in AT-EZ Computer and Big John's Furniture of LaGrange and Noble Rentals of Kendallville. He was a member of the LaGrange Lions Club, Knights of Pythias 144 of LaGrange, the LaGrange Business Association, the Knights of Columbus at Riverdale, Ill., and the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce. He moved to LaGrange from Hazelcrest, Ill., in 1973.


Mr. Gilmore

He was born March 2, 1938, in Chicago, to Howard F. and Elizabeth R. (Sullivan) Gilmore. He married Dolores J. Kiepura, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Michelle and John Farrow of Binghamton, N.Y., Danielle and Phil Hambright of Sturgis, Mich., and Tia and Tre Smith of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, John S. and Tara Gilmore of LaGrange; a sister, Margaret Belz of Riverdale, Ill.; a brother, Edward J. Gilmore of Chicago; and five grandchildren.

A brother, Howard Gilmore, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in LaGrange, with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with a rosary service at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to Masses to the church of Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

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Betty McKeever

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Jane McKeever, 77, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

A homemaker, she was born Jan. 20, 1924, in Hudson to Howard and Avah Blanche (Freed) Krum. On June 7, 1947, at the Mitchell Street United Methodist Church in Kendallville she married Carl William McKeever, and he preceded her in death Sept. 12, 1997. An infant daughter, Sharon Lee Rigsby, and two sisters, June Holmes and Theda Neukom, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Jean Rigsby of Troy, Ohio; a granddaughter and her husband, Sandra and Kevin Dressler of Kendallville; a grandson, Paul Rigsby of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Roma and John Ludwig of Granger; three great-grandchildren, David, Tony and Darinda Dressler of Kendallville; and a brother-in-law, Dale Neukom of Garrett.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, LaGrange office or the Noble County Cancer Society.

Neva Jarrett

KENDALLVILLE — Neva Jean Jarrett, 82, of Kendallville, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

A Fremont resident before moving to Kendallville to reside for 25 years, she traveled extensively with her husband and lived and worked in several African countries for over 13 years. Known in three states for her knowledge of Fiesta dishware, she sold antiques and collectibles as owner of The Duka for 20 years. She was an avid quilt maker and a member of Noble County Nimble Thimbles.

Mrs. Jarrett

She was born Sept. 11, 1919, in Randolph County to Edgar L. and Orpha Mae (Miller) Osborn. On May 12, 1940, in Winchester she married John L. Jarrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Pamela Kish of Jackson, Mich.; a son, Courtland Jarrett of Bishop, Texas; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A brother, Allen Osborn, preceded her in death in 1979.

There will be no services or visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Noah Hamman

WATERLOO — Noah R. Hamman, 90, died Wednesday, Jan 9, 2002, at Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mr. Hamman was a retired Smithfield Township farmer. He lived in Waterloo and was a member of New Hope Christian Center and Gideons International Society.

He was born July 10, 1911, in Waterloo to John D. and Sadie A. (Warrick) Hamman.

He married Jean Whittington on April 1, 1934, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Daniel F. Hamman of LaGrange, and John D. Hamman of Tempe, Ariz.; two daughters, Marianne Mathews and Linda Jean Groen, both of Tucson, Ariz.; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center or the Gideons society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Steven Trigg Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Steven Michael Trigg Jr., 16, died at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002, at home.

He had lived in Kendallville a year, coming from Rome City. He worked at the Subway in Kendallville for six months, and had previously worked at the Subway in Rome City. He was a member of the East Noble track team, participating in the shot put. He liked hunting, fishing, NASCAR and sports.

Steven Trigg Jr.

He was born April 2, 1985, in Kendallville to Steven Michael Trigg Sr. and Sharon K. (Moore) Trigg. His father survives in Fort Wayne, and his mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Jeanette and Dalton Moore of Rome City; a half-brother, Keith A. Fender of Rome City; and several uncles and aunts, including Ricky and Carolyn Moore and Marlene Martin, all of Kendallville, Marilyn Fender of Rome City, and several in Fort Wayne.

Services are 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Community Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with the Revs. Leburn Combs and Sam Sawyer officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery, Woodruff.

Calling is after 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Ada Lambright

TOPEKA — Ada Lambright, 94, died at 2:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002, at home. She had been in declining health.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born July 12, 1907, in LaGrange County to Samuel and Lizzie (Eash) Strock. On Feb. 18, 1925, she married William A. Lambright, who preceded her in death Nov. 29, 1982.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Edna Borkholder of Topeka, Mary and Christ Knepp of LaGrange and Rosa and Monroe Hochstetler of Middlebury; a son, Orva Lambright of Goshen; 17 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 26 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were three sons, Ervin and Melvin Lambright and William Lambright Jr.; a great-great-grandaughter; three sisters, Lydia Schmucker, Fannie Kauffman and Ida Riegsecker; and a brother Enos Schrock.

Services are 1 p.m. Sunday at the LaVern Miller home, 3875S C.R. 900W, Topeka, with Bishop Ervin Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be at Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is after 1 p.m. today and all day Saturday at the family home, 3905S C.R. 900W, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Jefferson

ALBION — Barbara L. Jefferson, 61, of Albion, died at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002, at home near Skinner Lake.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Earl Baker Sr.

FORT WAYNE — Earl Dewayne Baker Sr., 68, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002, at home.

The Fort Wayne native owned and operated Baker Trenching and Excavating and owned, operated and drove for Baker Racing.

Surviving are his wife, Carolyn M. Baker; three sons, Kenneth Earl Baker of LaGrange, Earl D. Baker Jr. of Decatur and Richard L. Baker of Houston; four daughters, Debbie King of LaPorte, Vickie Brown of Ohio, Bonnie Higgins of Lakin, Kan., and Shelly Marie Wise of Cape Coral, Fla.; a sister, Marilyn Johnson of Decatur; 17 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Markle Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

Thank You

We would like to offer our thanks to all the peopl who came to help during our time of need after the lo of our beloved son, Matthew. The love and comfort yo have all shown has helped hold our hearts together s that we may continue on as God has intended.

Special thanks to: LaGrange Co. Sheriff's Dept Indiana State Police, laGrange Co. EMS, Johnsc Township Rescue, Hutchins Funeral Home, Re Leburn Combs, Twin Six Restaurant, and all Matthew's friends that he loved so dear.

From the bottom of our hearts, thanks to all.

The parents of Matthew W. Terry

~ Claudia and Don ~

Nora Wilson

BUTLER — Nora Belle Wilson, 72, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, at her residence in Butler.

Mrs. Wilson was a bus driver for handicapped students, retiring in 1985 after 17 1/2 years of service. She was a member of the Butler Church of Christ and Butler Eagles Lodge.

She was born Jan. 17, 1929, in Williams County, Ohio, to Leslie and Viola (Favourite) Strup.

Her husband, Lewis A. Wilson, preceded her in death on Oct. 10, 1988.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Charles and Monica Wilson of Butler, Richard and Nancy Wilson of Hudson, Dennis and Debbie Wilson of Hamilton, Brian and Judy Wilson of Butler and John Wilson of Butler; two daughters, Teresa Grate of Hamilton and Lorna Wilson of Butler; three brothers, John Strup of Edon, Ohio, Charles Strup of Delta, Ohio and Joe Strup of Washington, D.C.; three sisters, Julie Peterson of Edon, Ohio, Edith Decan of Angola, and Rose Miller of New Haven; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A son, Michael, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Dale Rabineau will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of Christ.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Versia Knotts

HOWE — Versia "Cricket" Knotts, 53, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, in an automobile accident in Howe.

She worked at Alternative Lifestyles in LaGrange, and was a member of Eagles Lodge 1314 in Sturgis, Mich.

She was born Nov. 23, 1948, in Minnie, Ky., to Edgil and Melda (Sparkman) Hicks. Before coming to the area seven years ago, she lived in Rockford, Ill.

Surviving are two daughters and two sons-in-laws, Patricia and Jerry Strayer of Shipshewana and Pamela and Larry Henggeler of McCall, Idaho; a son and his girlfriend, Doug Beard and Patricia Krontz of Howe; a brother, Marlion Hicks of Davis Junction, Ill.; five sisters, Anna Rose Fields, Virginia Douglas and Shelvie Jean Green, all of Machesney Park, Ill., Maxine Handshoe of Hudson, and Brenda Thacker of Stroh; five grandchildren, Derek and Sarah Kuborn, Tyler and Matthew Henggeler, and Austin Childress; and two stepgrandchildren, Brady Strayer and Joshua Henggeler.

Knotts

She was preceded in death by her parents Edgil Hicks and Melda (Sparkman) McDaniel, a sister, Anna LaVergne, and a stepfather, Curtis McDaniel.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Barbara Jefferson

ALBION — Barbara Louise Jefferson, 61, died Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002, at 6:45 p.m. at her residence near Skinner Lake, Albion.

Mrs. Jefferson worked at Essex Wire and Lyall Electric. She also was a member of Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

Mrs. Jefferson was born Sept. 5, 1940, in Hindman, Ky., to Frank and Nancy (Flannigan) Combs.

She married Henry Ford Jefferson on Jan. 4, 1958, in Hindman, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ricky and Tammy Jefferson of Larwill; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Roy Slone of Kendallville and Ray and Martha Jo Slone of LaGrange; two sisters and two brother-in-laws, Doris and Charles Patrick of Albion and Alberta and Larry Steffe of Auburn; four grandchildren, Jeremy, Joshua and Richelle Jefferson of Larwill and Brandon Fulk, who serves in the U.S. Army.

Mrs. Jefferson was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Gary Jefferson, in 1973; a daughter, Sheila Ann Fulk, in 1981; and a sister, Sue Ryan.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at Wolf Lake Baptist Church, Wolf Lake, with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Memorials are to Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home for **Betty J. McKeever**, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Paul Rigsby, James Rigsby, Kevin Dressler, David Dressler, Kenny Carroll and Don Ludwig.

Honorary pallbearers were Dale Neukom, Dale Neukom Jr., John Ludwig, John Clifton, Marty Holmes and Neal Holmes.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services were held Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002, at 11 a.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home for **Pearl A. Kline**, with the Rev. Blaine Edward Feightner, her grandson, officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Pallbearers were Jeff Nelson, Jim Feightner, Todd Husaka, Steven Graves, David Graves and Michael Graves.

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Samuel Rodman

LIGONIER — Samuel Howard Rodman, 90, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, at Kingston of Ligonier.

He was born on June 13, 1911 in Noble County to James F. and Eva N. (Hanson) Rodman. He is survived by his wife, Willadean Stranger Rodman, whom he married on Oct. 24, 1972. His first wife, Fannie M. (Miller) Rodman, whom he married on Dec. 24, 1934, preceded him in death.

Rodman

Mr. Rodman was a line repairman for the Penn Central Railroad before retiring in 1976.

He attended Cosperville Baptist Church, was the oldest member of the Ligonier Eagles Lodge #1763 and enjoyed gardening and ice fishing.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Rodman is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Howard Jr. and Jill Rodman of Union, Mich.; two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Judy and Lester Bender of Wawaka and Bonnie and Wayne Spallinger of Pleasant Lake; three sisters, Mary Keller of Kendallville, Wava Duckworth, and Pauline Myers, both of Fort Wayne; fifteen grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, one son, Harold James Rodman, one stepdaughter, Rosalie Heintzelman, one stepson, Gary Joe Stranger, seven brothers, two sisters, and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with Rev. Jim Barnes officiating. Visitation will be Monday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A private burial will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Cosperville Baptist Church.

Elizabeth Hochstetler

TOPEKA — Elizabeth R. Hochstetler, 90, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

She had been a bookeeper for Hochstetler & Sons of Topeka, which was family-owned. Earlier in life, she worked at the Emma Store when it first opened.

Mrs. Hochstetler was born April 29, 1999 in Milo, N. D., to Calvin G. and Anna (Eash) Ringler.

She married Orner J. Hochstetler on June 2, 1935. They moved to LaGrange County in 1937. Mr. Hochstetler died Dec. 19, 1965.

Mrs. Hochstetler was a member of the Topeka Mennonite Church, where she taught Sunday school. She was also a member of the Women's Association and the Women's Sewing and Quilting Circle.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Hochstetler was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Edwin (Bud) Ringler, and three sisters, LaVerna Yoder, Beulah Redford and Katherine Hershberger.

Surviving are sons and daughters-in-law Bill and Norma Hochstetler and James and Barbara Hochstetler, all of Topeka; three brothers, Jim Ringler of Colorado Springs, Colo., Joe Ringler of Sturgis, Mich., and Tim Ringler of Ligonier; one sister, Naomi Egbert of Goshen, eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at the Topeka Mennonite Church. Calling will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Memorials are to the Topeka Mennonite Church.

Clyde Arnold

LAGRANGE — Clyde W. Arnold, 85, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at his home.

Before his retirement, he worked as a machinist at Weatherhead Dana in Angola.

He was a WWII U.S. Army Air Corps Veteran, and was also a member of the Orland American Legion and the Angola VFW.

Mr. Arnold was born Feb. 23, 1916 to David M and Tyna M. (Whiteford) Arnold. His parents preceded him in death. He married Beulah J. (Coney) Arnold on Feb. 6, 1945. She died in July, 1998.

Also preceding him in death were three sister and five brothers.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Wiggington of Gilbert, Ariz., and Linda Arnold of LaGrange; three daughters and sons-in-law, David and Selma Rogers of Middlebury, Mike and Anna Clark of Hamilton, and Don and Barbara Sutton of Fremont; three sons and daughters-in-law, Billy and Rita Arnold of Angola, Roger W. and Jill Arnold of Hudson, and Dale and Ruth Arnold of Pleasant Lake; one sister, Jean Wert of Kendallville; one brother, Douglas Arnold of Webberville, Mich.; 18 granchildren and 20 great-granchildren.

Services are Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

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Norma Grice

SHIPSHEWANA — Norma L. Grice, 73, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Grice was born Jan. 9, 1928 in Marion, Ohio, to Chauncy and Edna (Temple) Chandler. Her parents preceded her in death, as did her husband, Robert Eugene Grice, whom she married on June 17, 1948.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, William and Pamela Stigall of Shipshewana and Doug and Karen Shufort of Jacksonville, Fla.; a son, Bill Grice of Shipshewana; son and daughter-in-law Robert and Diane Grice of Three Rivers, Mich.; two sisters, Betty DeWees and Phyllis Hudkins, both of Marion, Ohio; two brothers, Donald Chandler of Marion, Ohio and Robert Chandler of Oklahoma City, Okla.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family will hold private services. Burial will be at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Care House for Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Goshen.

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Jason Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Jason Lee Yoder, 19, of rural Shipshewana, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, in a vehicle accident east of LaGrange.

He was a 2000 graduate of Westview High School, where he played varsity basketball for the 1999 and 2000 state championship teams. He played college basketball for Manchester College and Northwest College of Lima, Ohio. He worked at Keystone RV and part-time for the Shipshewana Auction.

Jason Yoder

He was born Jan. 27, 1982, in Goshen, to Herman and Lydia (Bontrager) Yoder, and they survive in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Levi and Susan Yoder and Katie Bontrager, all of Shipshewana; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Valerie and Matthew Barkes and Melissa Yoder, all of Shipshewana; two nieces, Kellee and Elizabeth Barkes of Shipshewana; and his special friend, Jenny Lambright.

His grandfather, Ammon J. Bontrager, preceded him in death Sept. 28, 2000.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana, with the Rev. Brian Arbuckle and the Rev. Gene Hartman officiating. Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Emma Mennonite Church in Topeka. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Westview Athletic Department for support of youth basketball programs.

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Mr. Rodman

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A private burial will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Cosperville Baptist Church.

Sheldon Richards

HUNTERTOWN — Sheldon E. Richards, 81, of Huntertown, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was employed in the diamond die industry most of his life, and retired in 1983 as a machine shop foreman for Ajax Diamond Die in Fort Wayne after 32 years. He was a natural handyman and enjoyed electronics, TV repair and woodworking. He attended LaOtto School and was a member of the LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

He was born March 12, 1920, in DeKalb County, to Charles Washington and Georgia Laverne (Bradley) Richards. On July 6, 1940, he married Catherine Marie Cox in Leo, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 21, 2000. Three brothers, Robert, Billie and Albert A. Richards, are also deceased.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sharon K. and Larry Burgess of Huntertown and Karen M. Kikly and Penny L. Felger, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Raymond and Elizabeth Richards of Fort Wayne and Charles W. Richards Jr. of Quincy, Mich.; a sister, Millie Louise Middaugh of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Lois Watkins of LaOtto Wesleyan Church officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church building fund. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Eva Brady

LAGRANGE — Eva V. Brady, 99, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

She was the former co-owner of Brady Stock Yards of LaGrange. She was a charter member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange and a member of its Altar and Rosary Sodality. She was also a former member of Tuesday Club.

Mrs. Brady

She was born Nov. 16, 1902, in Payne, Ohio, to Francis M. and Emma (George) McGrew. On Oct. 6, 1926, in Payne, she married Michael P. Brady, and he preceded her in death in January 1975. Three grandsons and a brother are also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn and Richard Miller and Betty and Edwin Beiser, all of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard P. and Sandra Brady of LaGrange; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with a rosary service at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to Masses to the church.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Steven Michael Trigg Jr.** were held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Leburn Combs and the Rev. Sam Sawyer officiating.

Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery. Pallbearers were Rory Schmeling, Keith and Josh Fender, Dustin Roberts, Josh Mullinix, Justin Gray, Travis Bailey, Chase Mead and Calvin Parr. Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville was in charge of arrangements.

Duane Dinehart

ALEXANDRIA — Duane A. Dinehart, 51, of Alexandria, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Danville, Ill.

He graduated from Alexandria-Monroe High School in 1969 and earned a degree in history from Notre Dame University in 1973. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1973-1977, earning the rank of lieutenant, and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, attaining the rank of captain. He was a business entrepreneur and a self-employed computer programmer. He enjoyed cooking and was famous for his "firehouse chili." A fan of old movies, he amassed an extensive collection of films, and also enjoyed country music and the game Trivia.

He was born Oct. 18, 1950, in Fremont, Neb., to Donald L. and Eloise E. (Wells) Dinehart.

Surviving are a daughter, Sara Dinehart of Pacific, Mo.; three brothers and their wives, Mike and Joan Dinehart of Ten Mile, Tenn., Rick and Cathy Dinehart of Kendallville and Mark and Anita Dinehart of Alexandria; several nieces and nephews; four aunts; three uncles; numerous cousins, including Earl Jones of Omaha, Neb.; his friend and companion, Jane Ann Hilligoss Patch of Lafayette; and his former wife, Lana Dinehart of Pacific, Mo.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Owens Funeral Home, 412 N. Harrison St., Alexandria, with the Rev. Tim Fleace of First Christian Church of Alexandria officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. Burial with military honors will be in Park View Cemetery, Alexandria.

Memorials are to the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots Campaign through the funeral home.

Sharon Berhalter

KENDALLVILLE — Sharon L. "Sheri" Berhalter, 53, of Kendallville, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Phyllis Fink

FREMONT — Phyllis D. Fink, 68, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fink was a homemaker and lived in Fremont. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Cassel Post 257, Fremont.

She was born March 1, 1933, in St. Charles, Mich., to Evert and Jennie (Rozetti) Stevens.

She married Charles O. Fink on April 1, 1971, at Yuma, Ariz. He died Feb. 11, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Anette Decker of Hobbs, N.M., and Jennie Holder of Fremont; three sons, Donald E. Fink of Edon, Ohio, Richard Newsted of Bridgeport, Mich., and Leonard Newsted of Avondale, Ariz.; one stepdaughter, Annetta McAllister of Coldwater, Mich.; 18 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Charity United Baptist Church, C.R. 900 East and C.R. 100 South, LaGrange. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

TOPEKA — Services for **Elizabeth Hochstetler**, 90, of Topeka, were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Topeka Mennonite Church with the Rev. John Hockman officiating.

Burial was in Eden Cemetery, Topeka. Pallbearers were Raymond, Bob, Jerry and Milford Hochstetler, Ralph Eash and Joe Ringler. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

Rosemary Williams

ROME CITY — Rosemary Williams, 81, of Rome City, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2001, at Lakeview Hospital in Paw Paw, Mich.

She had worked at Dinner Bell Meats in Defiance, Ohio, and Ideal Drug Store in Van Wert, Ohio. She was a member of the Rome City United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women and American Legion Post 381 Auxiliary in Rome City.

She was born Jan. 23, 1920, in Coldwater, Ohio, to John and Mary (Beucker) Winhover. On June 12, 1937, she married Darold E. Williams, and he preceded her in death on June 12, 1988. Two children, Pearl Arthur Williams and Ronald E. Williams, three brothers, Julius, Celestine and William Winhover and two sisters, Clara Hanson and Mary Harvey are also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn Sue and James McGinnis of Lawrence, Mich., and Nancy and Larry Coons of Spring, Texas; a brother, Paul Winhover of Ottoville, Ohio; two sisters, Francis Cooper of Rockford, Ohio, and Mary Agnes Juillerate of Albion, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. at Cowan & Son Funeral Home in Van Wert, Ohio, with the Rev. Mike McKinney of Rome City United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Ohio City, Ohio.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

WOLF LAKE — Services for **Barbara L. Jefferson** were held Monday at 1 p.m. at Wolf Lake Baptist Church with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating.

Burial was in Wolf Lake Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ray and Roy Slone, Jeremy, Joshua and Scott Jefferson and Brandon Fulk. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

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Steve Ellis

FORT WAYNE — Steve E. Ellis, 48, died Tuesday at home.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a machine operator with Custom Tube Machine. Before that, he worked for Archway Cookies Inc. for 18 years.

Surviving are his mother, M. Joan Ellis of Fort Wayne; a brother, Larry D. of Avilla; and three sisters, Mary Ann Ashton of Boca Raton, Fla., Rebecca J. Stephens of Conifer, Colo., and Connie M. Schoeff of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Larry McGinnis

FORT WAYNE — Larry D. McGinnis, 57, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital.

He worked at International Paper for 27 years and was treasurer of Pace International Union 6-1055. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

He was born Jan. 28, 1944, in Glenwhite, W.Va.

Surviving are his wife, Sherry McGinnis, of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Heather and Mariah McGinnis and Rebecca Brown, all of Fort Wayne, and Sara Stein of Wolcottville; four sisters, Cora Short and Maxine Combs of Fort Wayne, Dorothy Moos of Indianapolis and Pat Cipollari of Rensselaer; two brothers, Ira Dick of Eccles, W.Va., and Bob of Winston-Salem, N.C.; and three grandsons.

A daughter, Tricia Jean, four brothers, Shorty, Jack, Thomas and Eddie, and a sister, Zora Mae McGinnis, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Sharon Berhalter

ROME CITY — Sharon L. "Sheri" Berhalter, 53, of Rome City, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, from complications following surgery.

She headed the fine arts department at East Noble High School for 23 1/2 years. Prior to that, she taught at Lindenhurst Middle School in Lindenhurst, N.Y.

Mrs. Berhalter

A 1966 Kendallville High School graduate, she earned a bachelor of arts degree from Ball State University in 1970 and a master of fine arts degree from St. Francis University in 1982. She enjoyed reading, gardening and traveling.

She was born Aug. 29, 1948, in Kendallville, to Elmer and Janice (Harp) Larson, and her father preceded her in death Dec. 16, 1998. On May 28, 1978, on the shore of Little Long Lake, she married Charles S. Berhalter, and he survives.

Also surviving are her mother, of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Laura Kay and Doug Eggle of Albion; two sisters, Debi Moore of Columbia City and Judi Hall of Convoy, Ohio; two grandsons; four nieces and nephews; and her husband's parents, Joe and Maxine Berhalter of Kendallville.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Sharon L. Berhalter Art Fund at East Noble High School.

Hilda Treesh

FORT WAYNE — Hilda T. Treesh, 90, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2002, at Woodview Health Care Center.

A homemaker, she was born in LaGrange County and worked as head cook at Kalkaska High School in Kalkaska, Mich. She had also worked at Danners in Glenbrook Mall, Fort Wayne, and did alterations for Catherine's in Fort Wayne for three years.

Surviving are two daughters, Carol A. Treesh of Fort Wayne and Bonnie C. DeWitt of Leo-Cedarville; four sons, James H. Treesh of Dade City, Fla., Lawrence V. Treesh of Las Vegas, Richard D. Treesh of Sebring, Fla., and Gary A. Treesh of Grass Lake, Mich.; a sister, Edwina A. Collins of Fremont; 17 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Lawrence V. Treesh Sr., died in 1968.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling one hour before services. Burial will be in Garfield Cemetery, Kalkaska.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army, Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice or the American Heart Association.

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William Schell

ROME CITY — Word has been received that former Rome City resident William Charles Schell, 72, died Sept. 1, 2001, in Parker, near Denver, Colo.

He was a retired pilot who volunteered on air missions to help people in need.

Mr. Schell, a 1947 Rome City High School graduate, was the son of Charles and Lucille Schell of Rome City. His father was an area school teacher.

After a long career with United Airlines, Mr. Schell started flying missions as a flight engineer with Orbis International, an organization dedicated to helping victims of eye injuries and disease in developing countries. Orbis employs a DC-10 aircraft outfitted as a surgical eye hospital which flies to needy people in Third World countries.

Mr. Schell served in the Korean War as an Air Force pilot and achieved the rank of colonel. He later served with the Air National Guard. Based in Colorado, he was a flight instructor and captain with United, retiring in 1989.

He was an Indiana University graduate, where he performed with I.U.'s concert choir and a college quartet, the Jordanaires.

Mr. Schell is survived by his wife, Maria, who he married in Austin, Texas, in 1953; two daughters, Angela Patrice Schell Spiegel of Salt Lake City and Lisa Diane Schell of Fort Collins; and a sister, June Gramer of Reno, Nev.

Donations may be made to Orbis International (Flying Eye Hospital), P.O. Box 97218, Washington D.C. 20007-7588 or online at www.orbis.org.

Leonard Gard

LIGONIER — Leonard C. Gard, 64, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002, at home.

He had been employed with Ligonier Telephone Co. for 39 years, retiring in 1997. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was born Nov. 26, 1937, in Ligonier, to Charles S. and Doris M. (Beckner) Gard. On June 20, 1958, in North Webster, he married Betty Jean Denton, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 14, 1998. A grandson, Justin Gard, is also deceased.

Surviving are four sons and their wives or companions, Monty Gard, Delmer and Jamie Gard and Trevor Gard and Vonda Thornsberry, all of Ligonier, and Chad and Wendy Gard of Greensville, N.C.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Debrah Kay Dills of Ligonier and Rebecca and John Stump of Cromwell; a sister, Marilyn Martin of Kimmell; six grandchildren; and his mother, of Ligonier.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Randy Miller officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Anita Renner

CHURUBUSCO — Anita Frances Renner, 78, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002, at her home in Lakeland, Fla.

Survivors include her husband, George R. Renner; four daughters and a son-in-law, Linda and Max Gay of Churubusco and Barbara Penn-Renner, Martha Renner and Deborah Mirante, all of Lakeland, Fla.; and a son, Robert R. Renner of Lakeland.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Jean Sanders

ORLAND — Jean E. Sanders, 84, of Orland, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Sanders taught at grade schools in Orland, Butler and Ashley. She was a graduate of Ashley High School and Ball State University.

She was a member of the Orland Congregational Church and the Order of Eastern Star 229 at Ashley.

She was born July 6, 1917, in Steuben County to Monroe and Irene (DeLong) Butler. Her mother survives in Rome City.

She married William F. Sanders on Aug. 25, 1945, in Angola. He died Feb. 17, 1972.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mildred Ruth Stroh of Angola and Mary Strawser of Rome City; and two brothers, James Butler of Angola and Richard Butler of Springfield, Ohio.

A brother, Ralph Butler, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. The Rev. Mark Emelander will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling is Friday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service beginning at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Orland Congregational Church.

Lennie Gipple

ASHLEY — Lennie Lee Gipple, 50, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Gipple worked at Rise Inc. of Angola and lived in Ashley. He enjoyed participating in the Special Olympics.

He was born Aug. 9, 1951, at Angola to Otis "Bill" and Josephine (Cline) Gipple. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are one brother, Billy Eugene Gipple of Hamilton; three half-brothers, Gerald Bowerman (and his wife, Rosalie) of Ashley, with whom he lived, Jay Bowerman of Angola and Max Gipple of Ashley; three half-sisters, Ruth Everitts of Hamilton, Mary Getts of Kendallville and Violet Wysong of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

One half-brother, William "Buddy" Bowerman, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Rise Inc.

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Barbara Louise Jefferson, 61

ALBION - Barbara Louise Jefferson, age 61, died on Thursday, January 10, 2002 at 6:45 PM at her residence near Skinner Lake, Albion, Indiana. She was born on September 5, 1940 in Hindman, Kentucky to Frank and Nancy (Flannigan) Combs both proceeded her in death. She married Henry Ford Jefferson on January 4, 1958 in Hindman, Kentucky and he survives. She was a member of the Wolf Lake Baptist Church and worked at Essex Wire and Lyall Electric.

She is survived by her husband, Henry Ford Jefferson of Albion; a son, Ricky and his wife Tammy Jefferson of Larwill; two brothers, Roy Slone of Kendallville and Ray and his wife Martha Jo Slone of LaGrange; two sisters, Doris and husband Charles Patrick of Albion and Alberta and husband Larry Steffe of Auburn; four grandchildren, Jeremy, Joshua and Richelle Jefferson of Larwill and Brandon Fulk U. S. Army.

She was proceeded in death by a son, Gary Jefferson in 1973 and a daughter, Sheila Ann Fulk in 1981. Also proceeded in death by a sister Sue Ryan.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 14, 2002 at Wolf Lake Baptist Church in Wolf Lake with Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Burial was at Wolf Lake Cemetery. Memorials are to the Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Clemen Miller Jr.

MIDDLEBURY — Clemen Miller Jr., 72, of Middlebury, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002, at Goshen General Hospital on his 37th wedding anniversary.

He was owner and operator of Miller Country Kitchen in Shipshewana for over 12 years. He also worked in maintenance at Miller's Wood Things in Middlebury and in transportation for the Amish community during his retirement. He was a member of Brenneman Missionary Church.

Mr. Miller

He was born March 13, 1929, in Reno County, Kan., to Clemen C.B. and Mattie (Miller) Miller. On Jan. 16, 1965, in Bristol, he married Mary Weaver, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Freda Miller of Bristol; five sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Irene, Delbert and Cynthia and LaVern and Deborah, all of Goshen, and DeWayne and Michelle and Delbert and Kit, all of Middlebury; 17 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Fannie and Odena Miller of Sarasota, Fla., Nettie Ring of Elkhart, Alice and Chris J. Miller of Bristol and Katie and Lloyd Troyer of Mio, Mich.; and a brother, Eddie C. Miller of Mishawaka.

A daughter, Esther Arlene Miller, a great-grandson, Trevor Miller, four sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Brenneman Missionary Church in Goshen, with the Rev. George Nantz and the Rev. Don Cloud officiating. Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury, and one hour prior to services at the church on Sunday. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association.

Floyd Mosley

AUBURN — Floyd Mosley, 64, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, at his Auburn home.

He was a coal Miner in Floyd County, Ky., for 16 years and also worked at Kendallville Foundry for five years. He lived in Garrett for 18 years and in Auburn for the past year. He was a member of Community Baptist Church near South Milford.

He was born April 29, 1937, to Ben and Dollie (Moore) Mosley. He married Georgene Spears on April 19, 1957 in Prestonsburg, Ky., and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are six sons and five daughters-in-law, Troy of Auburn, Donald and Cathleen of Kendallville, Douglas and Tammy and Timothy and Veronica, all of Garrett, Larry and Suzanne of Corunna and Jerry and Ruthie of Wolcottville; five daughters and sons-in-law, Ossie and Fred Stenner, Connie and Ray Dorton, Carolyn and Terry Gibson and Patricia and Casey Slone, all of Garrett, and Teresa and Bud Mosley of Auburn; two brothers, Earl of McDowell, Ky., and Ruby Arnold of Ohio; four sisters, Cynthia Chaffins of McDowell, Ky., Louvennie Bolen of Wolcottville, Rosetta Arnold of Dayton, Ohio and Pearlie Arnold of Florida; 31 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by 12 brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, South Milford, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Calling will be Friday after 2 p.m. and all day Saturday at the church, with evening services at 7 p.m. both nights. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. E-mail condolences to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Anita Renner

LAKELAND, Fla. — Anita Frances Renner, 78, died Tuesday evening, Jan. 15, 2002, at her Lakeland, Fla., residence after an extended illness.

Mrs. Renner

Mrs. Renner was a homemaker and lived in Fort Wayne until 1990, when she moved to Lakeland. She graduated from Huntington High School in 1941.

She was born March 16, 1923, in Huntington to Hubert and Hattie (Young) Phelps.

She married George R. Renner on Nov. 26, 1942, in Las Vegas, Nev., while he was in military service. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and one son-in-law, Linda and Max Gay of Churubusco, and Barbara Penn-Renner, Martha Renner and Deborah Mirante, all of Lakeland; one son, Robert R. Renner of Lakeland; 10 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Judy Renner, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rev. Ken Robinson, pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian Church near Avilla, will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com

Dorothea Engle

LEESBURG — Dorothea Engle, 90, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, at Goshen General Hospital.

She was a lifelong Kosciusko County resident and retired from ABC Industries, Warsaw.

Her husband, the Rev. Louis D., preceded her in death in 1989.

Surviving are four sons, Louis of Greenville, Mich., David J. of Yucaipa, Calif., Lowell L. of Warsaw and Thomas R. of Nappanee; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Leesburg Grace Brethren Church in Leesburg. Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw. Burial will be in North Webster Cemetery, North Webster.

Memorials are to the church, 101 W. School St., Leesburg, or Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581-1196.

Linda Taylor

ALBION — Linda L. Taylor, 61, of Albion, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Sylvia Wells

BUTLER — Sylvia Wells, 91, of Pleasant Lake, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler. Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Timothy Culbertson

AUBURN — Timothy Andrew Culbertson, 23, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, at 4:41 a.m. at his home in rural Auburn.

Mr. Culbertson

He was a member of County Line Church of God. He graduated from DeKalb High School in 2001. He enjoyed the Special Olympics and attending DeKalb Barons games. He will be remembered as a charismatic individual who had an outgoing personality and was a joy to those who knew him.

He was born in Auburn on Dec. 7, 1978, to Wayne and Jean (Carey) Culbertson.

Surviving are his parents; one brother, Adam W. Culbertson at Indiana University in Bloomington; one sister and brother-in-law, Rachel A. and Scott Boles of Fort Wayne; grandmothers Virginia Romine and Marilyn Culbertson and a grandfather, Vernon D. Culbertson, all of Auburn; and a great-grandmother, Dorothy Culbertson of Auburn.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the County Line Church of God, Auburn, with the Rev. Bob Herman and the Rev. Howard Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the County Line Church of God basketball court building fund, Youth For Christ or Children First Center.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Helen White

PLYMOUTH — Helen A. White, 73, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at 11:11 a.m. in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, following an extended illness.

For the past 12 years she had resided with her son, Jack, in Plymouth. She came to Plymouth from West Virginia and was formerly a resident of Ligonier.

In Ligonier, she worked for the Ligonier Rubber Co. She was also a nurse's aide for nursing homes in West Virginia, near Charleston.

She had an extensive doll collection, was a gardener and loved to spend time with her grandchildren.

She was born in Cabin Creek, W. Va., on April 30, 1928, to E.A. and Ida Mae Binnion Carrol. She attended Leewood Junior/Senior High School.

She married World War II veteran Robert E. White in April 1945 in Cabin Creek. He died April 25, 1974.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Robert E. and Mary White of Cabin Creek, W.Va., Roger L. and Alma White of Charleston, W.Va., Jack W. and Priscilla White and Jeffrey A. White, all of Plymouth; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra K. and Raymond Cook of Charleston W.Va. and Pamela S. and Brandon Eidson of Goshen; 19 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; and one brother, E.A. Carrol Jr. of Globe, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Mildred Carrol; and two grandsons, Trenton Andrew White and Joey Beverly.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. The Rev. Dave Severance, chaplain with V.N.A. Home Care of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, will officiate. Burial will be in Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, Ind.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral Home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Linda Taylor

ALBION — Linda L. Taylor, 61, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at 1:32 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Taylor had worked for Piqua Pick & Sew, West Noble School Corp., Lyall Electric and Sroude Manufacturing. She loved sewing, painting, making crafts and homemade candy.

She spent most of her life in Noble County.

She was a former member of the Goldwing Road Riders Association Chapter Q of northeast Indiana. She loved sewing, crafts, painting and making homemade candy.

She was born March 27, 1940, in Green Township of Noble County to Leonard and Mildred (Harlan) Addis.

She married Larry Taylor on Sept. 24, 1960, at Center Chapel Church in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Kevin and Julie Kelham of Kendallville and Janice Taylor of Syracuse; two sons, Mark A. Taylor of North Webster and Monte Taylor of Warsaw; five grandchildren, Tiffany Kelham, Brandon Kelham, Anthony Taylor, Terry Taylor and Kevin Taylor; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Roger and Edith Addis of Churubusco, and Duane and Chris Addis of Huntertown.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion. The Rev. Nancy Ferguson will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Rush Presbyterian Cancer Research, Chicago.

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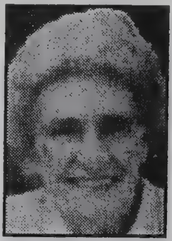
Martha Bollman

WOLF LAKE — Martha L. Bollman, 83, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana where she had been a patient since Jan. 8.


Mrs. Bollman

Mrs. Bollman was employed by Essex Corp., Ligonier, and retired from Wolf Lake Products at Wolf Lake after many years of service. She was a member of the Wolf Lake Methodist Church.

She was born April 21, 1918, in Putnam County, Ohio, to Clarence and Katherine Beck Hammons. Her family moved to Fort Wayne when she was small child. She completed her education in the Fort Wayne school system.

She married Franz Olan Bollman on Oct. 2, 1936. They lived in Fort Wayne before coming to Noble County in 1947. They bought their home at Bear Lake, near Wolf Lake, in 1951. Her husband died July 16, 1975.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Jennifer Bollman of Allen, Texas; one daughter and son-in-law, Frank and Karen Stewart of Albion; five grandchildren, Troy Stewart, Twyla Mabie, Tracy Stewart, Larisa Bollman Lowe and Emily Bollman; five great-grandchildren, Ashley Stewart, Rochelle Stewart, Joshua Stewart, Trenton Marsh and Ethan Marsh; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Maryetta and Jim Parker of Rome City, and Margaret Wells of Waynedale.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Burl, Bobbie and Harold Hammons, and three sisters, Florence Cox, Alice Breault and Dena Connett.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, with Pastor Wray McCalester of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church or the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Sylvia Wells

PLEASANT LAKE — Sylvia M. Wells, 91, of rural Pleasant Lake died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at 12:20 p.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Wells was a homemaker and attended the Independent Full Gospel Church of Ashley-Hudson. She had attended schools in St. Joe and Spencerville.

She was born Sept. 4, 1910, in Spencerville to Henry and Bertha (Boutcher) Curry.

She married William J. Wells on Sept. 8, 1926. He died Oct. 31, 1966.

Survivors include two daughters, Berniece A. Jackson of Hudson and Betty L. Wells of Pleasant Lake; one stepdaughter, Virginia Freeman of Auburn; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lewis A. Wells, and a daughter, Judith A. Kistler.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 Main St., Hudson. The Rev. Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

James Whittecar

GARRETT — James Joseph Whittecar, 69, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002.

Mr. Whittecar was a trackman for the B&O Railroad, retiring in 1992 after 38 1/2 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Jan. 17, 1933, in Garrett to Myron Eugene Whittecar and Esther Marie (Deuitch) Whittecar.

Surviving are one brother, Eugene J. Whittecar of LaGrange; one sister, Shirley Emenhiser of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Monroe and David Whittecar; and two sisters, Patricia Whittecar and Mary Rose Tuttle.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Helen Griffith

ANGOLA - Helen B. Griffith, 86, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Griffith was an Angola resident and a homemaker. She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in South Daytona, Fla.; a member of Eastern Star for more than 50 years and a member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church for more than 40 years.

She was born Jan. 20, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Damon and Alta (Sriver) Teeters.

Her husband, Maurice Griffith, preceded her in death on June 8, 1980.

Surviving are two daughters, Cathy Faecke of South Bend and Barbara Griem of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Phyllis Kissel of Ormond Beach, Fla., and Alice Seavey of Alyn, Wash.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Two brothers, Wilber and Richard Teeters, preceded her in death.

Services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Jonathon Rupert

ATLANTA, Ga. — Jonathon Alan Rupert, 39, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2002, in Atlanta after an extended illness.

He was born March 4, 1963, in Auburn to Paul A. Rupert and Jeanine (Whitaker) Bolen. He attended West Noble High School

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Paul and Ruth (Cook) Rupert of Ligonier; his stepfather, Carl Bolen of Winamac; his wife, Ann Rupert, a daughter, Ashley Rose, and two sons, Christopher and Nicholas, all of Atlanta; four sisters, Shawn Ritchie of Elijay, Ga., Laura Freeman of Macy, Paulett Rupert of Tennessee and Rebecca of Ligonier; six brothers, Chad of Ohio, Charles of Winamac, and Daniel, Robert, Sean and Michael, all of Ligonier; grandmothers Irene Rupert of Kendallville and Wanetta Cook of Rome City and numerous aunts, uncles and foster children.

Burial will be in Atlanta.

Barbara Konger

FORT WAYNE — Barbara L. Konger, 71, of Churubusco, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

A 1948 graduate of Churubusco High School, she was employed as a fork lift operator at Dana Corp. in Churubusco for 16 years, retiring in 1985. She was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco.

Mrs. Konger

She was born Dec. 19, 1930, in Wolf Lake to Theodore and Amy M. (Gordon) Raypole. On Sept. 16, 1950, in Ege she married James A. Konger Sr., who preceded her in death Dec. 16, 2001. The couple lived their entire married lives in Churubusco. A son, Joseph M. Konger, died March 18, 1970, and another son, William A. Konger, died Jan. 21, 1989.

Surviving are seven sons and six daughters-in-law, Dennis and Kathy Konger and James Jr. and Liz Konger, all of Churubusco, Randy and Alaina Konger of Ossian, Larry Konger and Richard and Garthena Konger, all of Fort Wayne, Ted and Kelly Konger of Leo and Gary and Robin Konger of South Whitley; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Diana Konger and Sandy and Jeff McCard, all of Fort Wayne, Linda and Al Hernandez of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Vicki and Tom Frisby of Ghana, Africa and Karen and Tom Gaff of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Dallas and Pat Raypole of Fort Wayne; 25 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Monsignor Donald Isenbarger officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with a rosary recitation at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

Memorials are to Masses or the Indiana University Cancer Research Institute. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Dwight Lawson

FORT WAYNE — Dwight L. Lawson, 74, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at Applewood Health & Rehab in Fort Wayne.

Born in Noble County, he lived in Fort Wayne for many years. He had been employed as a government welder, retiring in 1987. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are two sons, Steve Lawson of Albion and John Lawson of Hagerstown; two daughters, Kathy Krider of Kimmell and Angie Lawson of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Kenny Lawson of Churubusco and Fred Lawson of Hobe Sound, Fla.; a sister, Barbara Slone of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice.

Juanita Mauldin

KENDALLVILLE — Juanita N. Mauldin, 77, of Kendallville, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for **Leonard C. Gard**, 64, of Ligonier, were held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Randy Miller officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were Mike Donaldson, Bub Durham, Kent Hartzler, Kevin Gehring, Troy Airgood, Joe Zborowski and Butch Fulk.

Lawrence Whalen

KENDALLVILLE — Lawrence J. Whalen, 73, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at The Lamplighter in Kendallville.

He was in the plumbing and electrical business and worked for Rex Watson Plumbing in Avilla and for Paul Becker and Sons. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Kendallville and the American Legion.

He was born March 25, 1928, in Chicago, to James and Ethel (Gardner) Whalen.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Kim Ramer of Kendallville; three stepsons, Rick Haslett of Kendallville, Randy Dodson of Albion and Sterling Bastin of Ashley; Pete White of Chicago, with whom he was raised like a brother; and three sisters, Mary Stuber, Anna Mae McGrath and Kathy Schuller, all of Chicago.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Mike Booher officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and one hour before services on Wednesday. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS-SUN TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2002

George Misener

NEW CASTLE — George Robert Misener, 77, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, at home.

He moved to Fort Wayne in 1947 and worked as a salesman for Pembleton Electronics for 10 years, retiring in 1988. He was also a self-employed carpenter for 40 years. He was a World Ear II Army veteran and a graduate of Ashland High School.

Mr. Misener

He was born Nov. 16, 1924, in New Castle, to Ray and Bernice (Holmes) Misener.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William and Phyllis Misener of Fort Wayne, with whom he made his home; four daughters and a son-in-law, Brenda Kessler, Bernice and Richard Burget and Donna Misener, all of Fort Wayne, and Georgette Magner of Churubusco; a stepson and his wife, William and Becky Brinker of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Debbie Woods of Columbia City, Anna Kiper of Florida and Janice Pannizzo of New York; a sister, Evelyn Jones of West Lafayette; 11 grandchildren; several stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

A sister, Mildred Click, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Jerry Lowery of Eel River Baptist Church officiaing. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and one hour before services Thursday. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Memorials are to Northeast Indiana Kidney Foundation. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct information supplied by the funeral home.

Linda Taylor

ALBION — Linda L. Taylor, 61, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at 1:32 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Taylor had worked for Piqua Pick & Sew, West Noble School Corp., Lyall Electric and Sroufe Manufacturing.

She spent most of her life in Noble County.

She was a former member of the Goldwing Road Riders Association Chapter Q of northeast Indiana. She loved sewing, crafts, painting and making homemade candy.

She was born March 27, 1940, in Green Township of Noble County to Leonard and Mildred (Harlan) Addis.

She married Larry Taylor on Sept. 24, 1960, at Center Chapel Church in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Kevin and Julie Kelham of Kendallville and Janice Taylor of Syracuse; two sons, Mark A. Taylor of North Webster and Monte Taylor of Warsaw; five grandchildren, Tiffany Kelham, Brandon Kelham, Anthony Taylor, Terry Taylor and Kevin Taylor; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Roger and Edith Addis of Churubusco, and Duane and Chris Addis of Huntertown.

Services were held at 11 a.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion. The Rev. Nancy Ferguson will officiate. Burial was in Orange Township Cemetery, Rome City.

Memorials are to Rush Presbyterian Cancer Research, Chicago.

Gerry DeHoff Jr.

FAIRFAX, Va. — Gerry B. DeHoff Jr., 51, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, in Fairfax, Va.

Mr. DeHoff was a military intelligence officer in the U.S. Army for 24 years, followed by two years of civilian service as an intelligence specialist. During his service he supported the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Defense Intelligence Agency, and Joint Special Operations Command with overseas tours of duty in Korea and Japan. He was involved within the military and intelligence agencies during the Cold War years through the 1980s.

During his service, he received two Army Commendation medals, four Meritorious Service medals, the Army Achievement Medal, three Joint Meritorious Unit awards, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and two Overseas Service ribbons. He was honored by the Office of Special Operations Integration, consisting of Airborne, Rangers and Delta Force, and the U.S. Army Field Support Center.

He grew up in DeKalb County, Ga., where he graduated from Lakeside High School in 1968. He attended the University of South Carolina and received a bachelor's degree in international studies from George Washington University.

Surviving are a daughter, Jennifer Anne DeHoff of Birmingham, Ala.; his parents, Gerry B. and Laurene (Mendenhall) DeHoff; and a sister, Susan L. DeHoff of Shrewsbury, Mass. His father was a 1937 graduate of Kendallville High School and his mother was a 1939 graduate of Auburn High School.

Moser Funeral Home Inc., 233 Broadview Ave., Warrenton VA 20186 is in charge of arrangements.

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Cora Eder

SEBRING, Fla. — Cora M. Eder, 83, of Sebring, Fla., died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002, at the I.H.S. facility in Sebring.

A longtime Rome City resident, she was born June 5, 1918, in Terre Haute, Vigo County, to Rose and Joseph William Cashmore. She married William "Bud" Eder in 1983, and he preceded her in death. A brother, Joseph Cashmore of Oregon, a daughter, Roberta (Minich) Boehm of Kendallville and a son-in-law, Richard Potami of Altamonte Springs, Fla., are also deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Billy Rose Avery of Terre Haute; five children, JoAnne Miller of Fort Wayne, Carolle Potami of Altamonte Springs, Fla., William Minich of Grabill, Edward Minich of Ada, Mich., and Janet Merritt of Lafayette; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services have occurred.

Juanita Mauldin

KENDALLVILLE — Juanita N. Mauldin, 77, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at Parkview-Noble Hospital.

She worked as a waitress at the former V.A. Restaurant and at Chronister's Diner in Kendallville.

She was born Nov. 4, 1924, in New Mexico. She married William Charles Mauldin, and he preceded her in death Aug. 13, 1988.

There are no immediate survivors.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Giebel officiating. There will be no calling.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

William Beard

LAGRANGE — William E. Beard, 61, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He worked as a spray painter at Master Quality Finishing in LaGrange. He was a member of the LaGrange Moose Lodge and the LaGrange Eagles Lodge.

He was born March 3, 1940, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Edward and Golda (Gray) Beard. On Feb. 16, 1980, in LaGrange, he married Joyce D. Burton. His mother and wife survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are six daughters and four sons-in-law, Kim Starkler of South Bend, Wendy Grandstaff of Howe, Robbie and Tom Miller and Lena and Mark Fennell of LaGrange, Connie and Rick Frost of Garrett and Kathy Baker of Hillard, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Bart and Marlene Beard of Fremont; a son-in-law and his wife, Todd and Janet Prough of Shipshewana; 16 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at LaGrange Missionary Church, with the Rev. Ray Bachman officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the church building fund.

THE NEWS-SUN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2002

Irene Sadler

FORT WAYNE — Irene M. Sadler, 82, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital.

She was a homemaker and 1937 graduate of Arcola High School.

She was born Sept. 11, 1919, in Monroeville, to John and Mary (Hankel) Rushart, and grew up on the family farm on Covington Road. On Nov. 21, 1938, in Fort Wayne, she married Harley Sadler, and spent her adult life in Fort Wayne. Her husband preceded her in death in 1979. A sister, Lela Bates, is also deceased.

Mrs. Sadler

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Peggy Sadler of Fort Wayne and Thomas and Louise Sadler of Uniondale; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Janeece and Jack St. John, Lucinda and Jacques Thibeault and Deborah Waldrop, all of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Gladys and Bernard Hilger of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Covington Memorial Gardens, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will follow in Covington Memorial Gardens. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne or the Zanesville United Methodist Church. Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Ronald G. Hite

FORT WAYNE — Ronald G. "Ron" Hite, 60, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, at home.

He was born in Bluffton and worked as a licensed practical nurse at Lutheran Home for five years.

Surviving are his wife, Rose A.; a son, Steven A. of Fort Wayne; two daughters Paula L. Peterson of Roanoke and Amy M. Hite of Fort Wayne; his mother, Cecile Hite of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Donna S. Parquette of New Haven and Jean Saalfrank of Fort Waybe; three brothers, Blaine G. of Rome City and Gary L. and Douglas A., both of Fort Wayne; and a grandchild.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Home, the American Heart Association or Salem United Church of Christ.

Bess Rice

KENDALLVILLE — Bess Rice, 70, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Claude Boling

FORT WAYNE — Claude J. Boling, 78, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, in Fort Wayne.

He worked as a dishwasher at Café Johnell. He was born in Hondo, Texas.

Surviving are his wife, Imogene; eight daughters, Arlene Hair, Charlene Webb, Florence Wasko and Dorothy Morris, all of Fort Wayne, Claudia Brattain of Albion, Tina LeMasters of Florida, Marie Covell of California and Sue Patterson of Chicago; two sons, Paul Sweazey of Fort Wayne and Larry Covell of Indianapolis; 25 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 3 p.m. at Covington Memorial Gardens, 8408 Covington Road, with calling from 1-2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Memorials are to the Allen County Heart Fund.

ALBION NEW ERA January 23, 2002

Anita Frances Renner, 78

LAKELAND, FL - Anita Frances Renner, 78, wife of George R. Renner and a former resident of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday evening, January 15, 2002 at her residence in Lakeland, Florida following an extended illness.

Mrs. Renner was born on March 16, 1923 in Huntington, the only child of Hubert and Hattie Young Phelps. Her formative years were spent in Huntington, and she graduated from Huntington High School in 1941.

On November 26, 1942 she was married in Las Vegas, Nevada to George R. Renner while he served in the military. Following his military discharge, the couple spent most of their married lives in Fort Wayne until 1990 when they moved to Lakeland, Florida. Mrs. Renner was a homemaker for most of her life.

Surviving besides her husband are four daughters Linda (Mrs. Max) Gay of Churubusco, and Barbara Penn-Renner, Martha Renner, and Deborah Mirante, all of Lakeland, Florida; and her son Robert R. Renner of Lakeland, Florida. There are 10 grandchildren, and 31 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter Judy Renner.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 21, 2002, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Ken Robinson, pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian Church near Avilla, officiating.

Interment will be in the Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com

Sharon Berhalter

ROME CITY-Sharon L. "Sheri" Berhalter, 53, of Rome City, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, from complications following surgery.

She headed the fine arts department at East Noble High School for 23 1/2 years. Prior to that, she taught at Lindenhurst Middle School in Lindenhurst, N. Y.

A 1966 Kendallville High School graduate, she earned a bachelor of arts degree from Ball State University in 1970 and a master of fine arts degree from St. Francis University in 1982. She enjoyed reading, gardening and traveling.

She was born Aug. 29, 1948, in Kendallville, to Elmer and Janice (Harp) Larson, and her father preceded her in death Dec. 16, 1998. On May 28, 1978, on the shore of Little Long Lake, she married Charles S. Berhalter, and he survives.

Also surviving are her mother, of Kendallville; a daughter, Laura Kay and Doug Eggle of Albion; two sisters, Debi Moore of Columbia City and Judi Hall of Convoy, Ohio; two grandsons; four nieces and nephews; and her husband's parents, Joe and Maxine Berhalter of Kendallville.

Services were held on Friday, January 18, 2002 at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating.

Memorials are to the Sharon L. Berhalter Art Fund at East Noble High School.

Linda L. Taylor

ALBION-Linda L. Taylor, 61, died on Friday, January 18, 2002 at 1:32 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on March 27, 1940, in Green Township in Noble County to Leonard and Mildred (Harlan) Addis, both are deceased. She had worked for Piqua Pick & Sew, West Noble School Corp., Lyall Electric and Sroude Manufacturing. She was a former member of the Goldwing Road Riders Assoc. Chapter Q Northeast Indiana. She loved sewing, crafts, painting and making homemade candy. She had been a resident of Noble County most of her life.

On September 24, 1960 in Center Chapel Church in Kendallville she married Larry Taylor, he survives.

Surviving are two daughters, Janice Taylor of Syracuse; Mrs. Kevin (Julie) Kelham of Kendallville; two sons, Mark A. Taylor of North Webster and Monte Taylor of Warsaw; five grandchildren, Tiffany Kelham, Brandon Kelham, Anthony Taylor, Terry Taylor and Kevin Taylor; two brothers, Roger (Edith) Addis of Churubusco and Duane (Chris) Addis of Huntertown.

Services were held on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Nancy Ferguson officiating. Burial was in Orange Twp. Cemetery, Rome City.

Preferred memorials are to Rush Presbyterian Cancer Research Chicago, IL

Dwight L. Lawson, 74

FORT WAYNE-Dwight L. Lawson, 74, died Sunday, January 20, 2002 at Applewood Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born in Noble County. He had lived in Fort Wayne for several years. He was a government welder, retiring in 1987. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are two sons, Steve Lawson of Albion and John Lawson of Hagerstown; two daughters, Kathy Krider of Kimmell and Angie Lawson of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Kenny of Churubusco and Fred of Hobesound, Fla.; a sister Barbara Slone of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Gloria Lawson and two sons, Kim and Tony Lawson preceded him in death.

Services were held on Wednesday, January 23, 2002 at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial in Oak Park Cemetery. Memorials are to Heartland Hospice.

Albion New ERA Jan 23 2002

Martha L. Bollman, 83

WOLF LAKE-Martha L. Bollman, 83, died at 2:02 a.m. on Saturday, January 19, 2002 in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana where she had been a patient since January 8, 2002.

She was born on April 21, 1918 in Putman County, Ohio, a daughter of Clarence and Katherine Beck Hammons. As a small child her family moved to Fort Wayne, where she completed her education in the Fort Wayne school system.

On October 2, 1936, she was united in marriage to Franz Olan Bollman and they made their home on Osage Street in Fort Wayne until moving to Noble County in 1947. In 1961, they purchased their present home at Bear Lake, near Wolf Lake. Mr. Bollman died July 16, 1975.

Mrs. Bollman was first employed by the Essex Corporation in Ligonier and retired from the Wolf Lake Products, Wolf Lake, after many years of service.

She was a member of the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

The surviving relatives include a son, Larry (Jennifer) Bollman, Allen, Texas; a daughter, Mrs. Frank (Karen) Stewart, Albion; five grandchildren, Troy Stewart, Twyla Mabie, Tracy Stewart, Larisa Bollman Lowe and Emily Bollman; five great grandchildren, Ashley Stewart, Rochelle Stewart, Joshua Stewart, Trenton Marsh, and Ethan Marsh; two sisters, Mrs. Jim (Maryetta) Parker, Rome City and Margaret Wells of Waynedale.

Three brothers, Burl, Bobbie, and Harold Hammons; three sisters, Florence Cox, Alice Breault and Dena Connett preceded her in death.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 in the Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Wray McCalester, pastor of the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, officiating. The burial was in the Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church or the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Harley Hochstetler

LAGRANGE — Harley J. Hochstetler, 58, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002, at home.

He was a former building contractor and present manager of Kuntry Lumber & Farm Supply Ltd. of LaGrange. He was a lifelong LaGrange resident and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born June 23, 1943, in LaGrange, to Jerome H. and Mary Ann (Miller) Hochstetler. On Oct. 15, 1963, in LaGrange, he married Elizabeth T. Miller, and she survives.

Surviving are four daughters and their husbands, Mattie Irene and Allen Hochstetler and Neoma and Corneal Hochstetler of LaGrange and LeAnna and Harvey Schrock Jr. and Mary Ellen and Wayne Miller of Wolcottville; two sons and their wives, Gerald and Rosanna Hochstetler of Kingston, Wis. and Vernon and Joan Kay Hochstetler of LaGrange; a foster son and his wife, David and Mary Hochstetler of LaGrange; and 22 grandchildren.

Also surviving are four sisters and brothers-in-law, Tressie and Albert Lehman of Millersburg, Martha and Leo Bontrager and Alma and Glen Whetstone of Topeka and Mary Lou and Mark Smith of Shipshewana; and five brothers, Edward Hochstetler and Jerome Hochstetler Jr. of Topeka, Elmer Hochstetler and Mervin Yoder of Shipshewana and Orva Hochstetler of Windsor, Mo.

Services will be held Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the family residence at 3560S C.R. 150W, LaGrange, with Bishop Martin Yoder and the Rev. Mose Mast officiating. Calling will be at the family home after 4 p.m. today and all day Friday. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Nicodemus

WAWAKA — Shirley Mae Nicodemus, 65, of Wawaka, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, in Monroe Regional Medical Center, Ocala, Fla.

She was retired from Monsanto and was a driver for the Amish community for many years. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Ligonier.

She was born March 7, 1936, in Kendallville, to Harold and Hilda (Vowman) Reichard. On Jan. 24, 1960, she married James E. Nicodemus, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kelly Jean Thomas and Shelly Christine and Juan Najera, all of Wawaka; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Jennifer Nicodemus of Ligonier; three brothers, Neil and Jerry of Wawaka and Tom of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Betty Lemon and Barbara Lehman of Wawaka; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A sister, Evelyn Leitch, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Russell Fuhrmann officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Bess Rice

KENDALLVILLE — Bess L. Rice, 70, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

She moved to Chicago from Kendallville and returned to Kendallville to live in 1996. She was a homemaker and enjoyed collecting figures of birds.

She was born Dec. 3, 1931, in West Virginia, to Henry and Laura (Spears) Anglin. She married Robert Rice Sr., and he preceded her in death. Three sisters, Frances Matovich, Eula Arrington and Ruth Mayberry, and three brothers, Charlie, Bob and Homer Anglin preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Debi and Reed Pranger of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert Jr. and Debbie Rice of LaOtto; four grandchildren, Brooks, Adam and Samantha Pranger and Tabitha Rice; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Shelva and Bernard Muncy of Kendallville and Dollie and John Bucciarelli of West Virginia; and a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Linda Anglin of Kendallville.

Services will be held Friday at 12:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hill, with the Rev. Jim Bartlett officiating. Calling will be Friday from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the nursing home. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family.

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Ollie Hamdin

KENDALLVILLE — Ollie D. Hamdin, 57, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a tool and die maker and worked in maintenance at No-Sag in Kendallville. He lived in Kendallville for 29 years and attended Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City.

He was born Oct. 25, 1944, in Fort Wayne, to Ollie and Elizabeth (Hanel) Hamdin. On Dec. 30, 1980, in Kendallville, he married Lorean Manns, and she survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Cyndi Hamdin of Warsaw; a stepdaughter, Carolyn Howard of Knox; three stepsons and their wives, Delbert and Brenda, David and Roberta and Donald Manns, all of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Harry and Jo Hanel of Fort Wayne; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City, with the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle officiating. Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and Friday after 2 p.m. at the church, with services at 7 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Sherri Barhydt

FORT WAYNE — Sherri Lynn Barhydt, 48, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at home.

The Fort Wayne native is survived by a daughter, Myranda Armey of Fort Wayne; a son, Jeffrey of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Carol Huntine of Rome City and Patricia Gordy and Madeline Owens, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Jackie Emrick of Fort Wayne; her mother, Ruby Oswalt of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with calling two hours before services. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Larry Whalen** were held Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Mike Booher officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Dave Ramer, Randy Dodson, Arthur and Mark Kesterke, the Rev. Mike Booher and Brian DeCamp.

ALBION — Services for **Linda L. Taylor** were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiating. Burial was in Orange Township Cemetery, Rome City.

Pallbearers were Tim Gaby, Tiffany and Brandon Kelham, Brian Ostermeier and Anthony, Kevin and Terry Taylor.

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Mary Lou Miller

LIGONIER — Mary Lou Miller, 55, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, at home.

She worked at LaGrange Hospital, Spector's Dry Goods in Shipshewana and Topeka Pharmacy, retiring due to illness in May 2001. She was a member of Maple Grove Church in Topeka. She was active in Bible Memory Ministries and children's church.

Mrs. Miller

She was born Aug. 23, 1946, in Noble County to Fred and Susanna (Beachy) Jones. On June 4, 1983, in Maple Grove Church, Topeka, she married Uriah S. Miller, and he survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two sons and their wives, Dave and Darlene Miller of Fort Wayne and Courtney and Joyce Miller of Burton, Ohio; five brothers, Alvin Jones of Brimfield, Raymond Jones of Ligonier, Ivan Jones of Albion, Larry Wayne Jones of Bristol and Kenneth Jones of Topeka; a sister, Bettie Jean Scott of Cromwell; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at Maple Grove Church in Topeka, with the Rev. Gene Troyer and the Rev. Larry George officiating. Calling will be at the church today from 6-8 p.m., Saturday from 2-8 p.m. and one hour before services Sunday. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorials are to Siloam Missionary Homes, P.O. Box 705, Snow Camp, N.C. 27349. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Geraldine Welch

COLUMBIA CITY — Geraldine "Gerry" W. Welch, 85, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002 at home.

She resided in Kendallville for many years before recently moving to Columbia City. She was a bookkeeper for 17 years at Central Drug Store and worked for a short time as a teller at Campbell & Fetter Bank. She attended First Christian Church in Kendallville and Trinity Presbyterian Evangelical Church in Columbia City.

She was born July 5, 1916, in Kendallville to LeRoy William and Fern Rachel (Hafer) Ruehart. On Aug. 29, 1953, in Butler, she married Franklin Welch, and he preceded her in death Feb. 25, 1994. A sister, Betty Lepley, is also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Beth Welch of Columbia City; a sister, Beverly Winsett of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Brandy L. Welch of Muncie and Shawn Welch of Columbia City.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Ross O'Dell officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to Columbia City Trinity Presbyterian Evangelical Church building fund. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Anthony Ellert

AVILLA — Anthony "Tony" G. Ellert, 88, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002, at his son's home in Scottsdale, Ariz. Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

Harry Gorrell

HARLAN — Harry A. Gorrell, 77, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Allen County and was a lifelong farmer. He also worked for Seyferts Foods, retiring in 1981 after 30 years as receiving foreman.

Surviving are his wife, Mearl; a son, Brian E., of Angola; two daughters, Cynthia V. Fishback of Harlan and Gail L. Bridges of Haynesville, La.; a brother, Glen L. of Hicksville; four sisters, Mabel Shoup of Waterloo, Elsie Wappes of Stroh, Lela Diltz of Harlan and Alice Rothermel of Lucerne; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, 10145 Maysville Road, with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Saturday from 5-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer Funeral Home in Harlan. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County.

Memorials are to the church.

Dorothy Neihardt

HOWE — Dorothy M. Neihardt, 82, of Howe, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

She retired as a secretary for Howe Military School in 1970.

She was born Aug. 19, 1919, in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Charles and Gladys (Kaye) Shemberger. On July 15, 1939, in LaGrange, she married Max Neihardt, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith Routh of Lake Webster; two sons, Philip of Orland and Martin of Howe; a brother, Kenneth Shemberger of LaGrange; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Heart Association or the American Diabetics Association.

Anthony Ellert

AVILLA — Anthony "Tony" G. Ellert, 88, Avilla, died Wednesday at his son's home in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Mr. Ellert was born July 21, 1913, in Waterloo to Anthony "Dan" and Margaret (Blomeke) Ellert.

He was a machinist for Warner Gear in Auburn, and also volunteered at Provena Sacred Heart Home for over 25 years. He lived in Avilla for more than 35 years.

He married Mina Hall in England in 1945. She survives in Avilla.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was a World War II Army glider pilot.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by a son, Dr. Willliam Ellert of Scottsdale; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Sister Marilyn Ellert of Wabash, Susan and John Hatcher of Pontiac, Mich.; Shirley and Michael Pegg of Jacksonville, Ark., Adeline and Larry Sandberg of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; and Pauline and Marc Vandenband of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a sister, Marguerite Harter of Angola; a brother, Herman Ellert of Waterloo; eight grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, three stepgreat-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold, Augustine and Gilbert Ellert, and a brother-in-law, Louis Harter.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Calling will be held Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. with a rosary at 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. Calling will also be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla. Gravside services will be conducted by American Legion Post No. 240, Avilla.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or National World War II glider pilot association "Silent Wings."

Roberta Meeks

MIAMI, Fla. — Roberta Lynne Cook Whitner Meeks, 60, Miami, Fla., died Tuesday at Palmetto General Hospital in Hialeah, Fla.

Mrs. Meeks was born Oct. 26, 1941, in Fort Wayne, to Geraldine Cook. She married Richard Meeks on April 12, 1970. Her mother and husband both survive in Miami.

She worked as an administrative assistant at the Dade County, Fla., Attorney General's Office. She also worked at Allied Mills (Wayne Feeds/Continential Grain) for over 20 years as a customer services traffic and purchasing agent.

She was a former member of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, and was a member of Miami St. Paul Evangelical Church in Miami.

She was a classical pianist and enjoyed crafts.

In addition to her mother and husband, she is also survived by a brother, Larry Cook of Houston, Texas; a sister, Carolyn Johnston of Wolcottville; three stepchildren, Richard F.G.R. Meeks of Seattle, Brent Meeks of Fort Wayne and Bruce Nestor of Decatur; three granddaughters and five grandsons.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7819 Decatur Road, Fort Wayne. No calling will be held.

Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Miami St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 10700 SW 56th St., Miami, FL 33165 or Trinity Evangelical Lutheran. There are Meeks Memorial Funds at both churches.

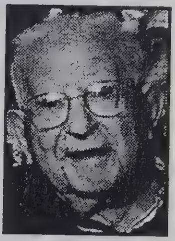
Francesco DePaolo

AVILLA — Francesco "Frank" DePaolo, 97, Avilla, died Friday at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mr. DePaolo was born Oct. 17, 1904, in Borgo Portenope, Italy, to Raffaele and Pasquollina (Bonofglio) DePaolo. He had resided in Avilla for a year.

He married Virginia Muzzillo on Oct. 19, 1933, in Garrett. She died on Feb. 28, 1975. He married Josephine DiFilippo on July 31, 1976, in Fort Wayne. She died in December 1990.

He was a machinist at Warner Gear in Auburn for 20 years, retiring in 1966. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Mother Teresa Assembly of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.


DePaolo

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Jennie DePaolo of Garrett and Ralph and Carolyn DePaolo of Bloomington; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and John Stoody of Fort Wayne and Mary Rose and David Kimmel of Auburn; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Vingenza Corelli, Erminia DePaolo and Sarafina Coscarelli.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating.

Calling is Sunday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and a half-hour prior to services at the church. Rosary will be at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. The 4th Degree Knights will stand honor guard at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett.

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Betty Hurt

FORT WAYNE — Betty Mirek Hurt, 72, Fort Wayne, died Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Hurt was born July 2, 1929, in Fort Wayne, to Jacob and Katherine (Eckert) Kraick. She was divorced from her first husband, Joseph P. Mirek, who died in 1999. Her second husband, Dan Hurt, died in 1982.

She was employed as a greeter at the Kendallville Wal-Mart store, and had lived in Allen County most of her life. She lived in Bluffton for 15 years from the early 1970s to the mid 1980s. During her years in Bluffton, she worked at Keebler Foods, formerly known as Bachman Foods.

Surviving is a son, Paul Mirek of Wolcottville.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ricky Mirek, in 1957.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, with the Rev. Julia Goodall officiating. Calling will be held one hour prior to services.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton.

Memorials are to the family.

Berniece James

AVILLA — Berniece O. James, 78, Avilla, died Thursday at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. James was born April 23, 1923, in Blakesley, Ohio, to Elmer and Julia (Ziegler) Edwards. She married George James on April 28, 1945, in Auburn. He survives.

Surviving with her husband are a son, Dwight James of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Sandra Lockwood of Waterloo and Karen Carter of Auburn; four sisters, Pauline Selking of Decatur, Carol Baker of Bryan, Ohio, Hilda Akins of St. Joe and Maybelle Blankendecker of Defiance, Ohio; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Roy Edwards, and a sister, Donna Doane.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, Tom Novy officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Unit at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Sharon L. "Sheri" Brehalter** were held Jan. 18 at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, officiated.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Bess L. Rice** were held Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the Shepherd of the Hill Chapel, Kendallville. The Rev. Jim Bartlett officiated. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jerry Anglin, Charles Anglin, Brooks Pranger, Randy Anglin, John Muncy, George Simon, David Arrington and Jason Deckert.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Neihardt

HOWE — Dorothy M. Neihardt, 82, Howe, died Thursday at LaGrange Community Hospital, LaGrange.

Mrs. Neihardt was born Aug. 19, 1919, in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Charles and Gladys (Kaye) Shemberger. She married Max Neihardt in LaGrange on July 15, 1939. He preceded her in death in 1990.

She was retired from Howe Military School in 1970, where she has worked as a secretary.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith Routh of Lake Webster; two sons, Philip Neihardt of Orland and Martin Neihardt of Howe; a brother, Kenneth Shemberger of LaGrange; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Carney Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, at 11 a.m. on Monday. The Rev. Carldean Merrifield will officiate.

Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Heart Association or the American Diabetics Association.

Dzidra Taube

GARRETT — Dzidra Taube, 65, Garrett, died Friday at home.

Mrs. Taube was born Sept. 18, 1936, in Latvia, to Janis and Catrina (Lucens) Kupsis. She married Ziedonis "Sid" Taube on Aug. 15, 1964, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He survives.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. She had resided in Garrett for 37 years.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Ingrid Mattes of Yoder; two sons, Richard Taube of Fort Wayne and Michael Taube of Kendallville; a brother, Vlavaldis Kupsis of Highland; two sisters, Rasma McMullen of Kalamazoo, Mich. and Katie Lapins of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 4 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Calling hours are from noon to 2 p.m. Monday.

Burial will be in LaPorte at a later date.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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Francesco DePaolo

AVILLA — Francesco "Frank" DePaolo, 97, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at 5 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mr. DePaolo

Mr. DePaolo was a machinist at Warner Gear in Auburn for 20 years, retiring in 1966. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Mother Teresa Assembly of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.

He was born Oct. 17, 1904, in Borgo Portenope, Calabria, Italy, to Raffaele and Pasquollina (Bonofiglio) DePaolo.

He married Virginia Muzzillo on Oct. 19, 1933, in Garrett and she died Feb. 28, 1975. He married Josephine DeFilippo on July 31, 1976, in Fort Wayne, and she died in December 1996.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Jennie DePaolo of Garrett, and Ralph and Carolyn DePaolo of Bloomington; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and John Stoody of Fort Wayne, and Mary Rose and David Kimmel of Auburn; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Three sisters, Vingenza Corelli, Erminia DePaolo and Sarafino Coscarelli, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Sunday from 3-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the 4th Degree Knights standing guard. A rosary service will be held Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Mary Ellen Elston

ANGOLA — Mary Ellen "Pat" Elston, 86, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at Angola.

Mrs. Elston was a waitress at the Alamo Restaurant, Angola. She also had worked at Wendy's and other restaurants.

She was a members of the Fairview Missionary Church.

She was born on July 26, 1915, at Union City to John and Emma (Moore) Sierer. On Oct. 31, 1936, she married Jay F. Elston. He died in 1977.

Surviving are two sons, John F. Elston of Fort Wayne, and Robert K. Elston of Angola; one daughter, Shirley Van Dyne of Angola; two sisters, Zana Goodhew of Angola and Willadene Berry of Coldwater, Mich.; and 13 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Clista Hecker, Hattie Williams and Pauline Sierer; and one brother, Ora Sierer.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Rev. Norman Fuller officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Gideons and/or the Disabled Veterans.

Berniece James

AVILLA — Berniece O. James, 78, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, at 6:25 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Mrs. James was a homemaker and had lived in Avilla for three years. She was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Mrs. James

She was born April 23, 1923, in Blakeslee, Ohio, to Elmer and Julia (Ziegler) Edwards.

She married George C. James on April 28, 1945, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Dwight James of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Sandra Lockwood of Waterloo and Karen Carter of Auburn; four sisters, Pauline Selking of Decatur, Carol Baker of Bryan, Ohio, Hilda Akins of St. Joe and Maybelle Blankenbecker of Defiance, Ohio; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One brother, Roy Edwards, and one sister, Donna Doane, preceded her in death.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Unit at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Mona Buttermore

AUBURN — Mona Deskins Buttermore, 82, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Buttermore worked at Cooper Tire Industrial Products. She retired in 1977.

She was a member of Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church.

She was born Oct. 13, 1919, in Buchanan County, Va., to Grover Cleveland and Hannah Louisa (Honaker) Keen.

On Aug. 16, 1937, she married Otis Harvey Deskins. He died in 1956. She married Howard Buttermore on July 31, 1970. He died in 1975.

Surviving are a son, Billy Deskins of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Wendy Deskins of Auburn; a daughter, Joan Deskins; three daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Milton Ratliff of Auburn, Juanita and Denver Colley of Auburn, and Lois and Don High of Corunna; three sisters, Vina Boyd of Keen Mountain, Va., Mae Vandyke of Raven, Va., and Virginia Rife of Pounding Mill, Va.; and nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Brenda Gail Deskins; one brother, Hufford Keen; and two sisters, Virgie Keen and Tinia Matney.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church, Auburn, with Rev. Davis Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home at Waterloo.

Memorials are to Souls Harbor Assembly of God.

Paul Straub

BUTLER — Paul Straub, 64, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at his home in rural Butler.

Mr. Straub worked in quality control for 30 years. He retired from Food Marketing Company at Fort Wayne in 1995. Mr. Straub was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born Aug. 29, 1937, in Columbus, Ohio, to Anthony and Evelyn (Liggett) Straub.

On Oct. 27, 1971, he married Carol (Whitling) Straub in Cold Water, Mich. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are one son, Richard Cole of Columbus, Ohio; one stepson, Rick Kaser of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Robin Grooms, of Columbus, Ohio; one stepdaughter, Kandy Duguid of Ashley; two brothers, Tom Straub of Gilroy, Calif., and Don Straub of Columbus, Ohio; three sisters. Marylin Siechen of Morgan Hill, Calif., Martha Straub of Columbus, Ohio, and Barbara Corchinski of Columbus, Ohio; and five grand children and two step grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Charles Herman officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home at Waterloo.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Services and Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Max Martin

GARRETT — Max N. Martin, 86, died Saturday Jan. 26, 2002, at his home in Garrett, where he lived since 1972. He had suffered from an extended illness.

Mr. Martin was a foreman for Garrett Electric Motors. He retired on 1977. He was born on April 11, 1915, to Charles Henry and Nellie (Neff) Martin.

Mr. Martin

In 1974, he married Eva Sawyer. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons, Charles Martin of Garrett, Larry Martin of Ligionier, and Kenneth Martin of Kendallville; two daughters, Carolyn Martimore of Kendallville and Michelle Saucedo of Fort Wayne; and 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Lakeview Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Betty Hurt

WOLCOTTVILLE — Betty Mirek Hurt, 72, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, in Miller's Merry Manor at Fort Wayne.

She had worked at Keebler Foods formerly Bachman Foods and was a door greeter for Wal-Mart, Kendallville.

She was born in 1929. She married Joseph P. Mirek. Later she married Dan Hurt.

Surviving are a son, Paul Mirek of Wolcottville; a brother, Robert Kraick of Fort Wayne; six sisters, Edna L. Anderson of Wolcottville, Elizabeth Nott of New Haven, Katherine Shirey of Fort Wayne, Doris Vachon of Fort Wayne and Deloris Faulkner of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ricky Mirek.

Services are Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Rich Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the family.

James Ringo

SHIPSHEWANA — James Thomas Henry Ringo, 88, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at his Shipshewana home.

Mr. Ringo

He worked at Signal Delivery in Chicago for 33 years and was owner and operator of Melody Hill Resort on Stone Lake near Shipshewana for 25 years. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran of 25 years, with five years served overseas, and was Veteran of the Year in Shipshewana in 2001. He was a member of Shore Mennonite Church.

He was born Dec. 16, 1913, in Chicago, to James T. and Maybelle (Anderson) Ringo. On Oct. 20, 1945, in Shipshewana, he married Gladys M. Yoder, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Melody Stoddard of Falls Church, Va.; three foster daughters, Beverly Brainard of Naperville, Ill., La Engel and her husband, Philip, of Chicago and Rose Fenstermader of Brockton, Mass.; a foster son, Joe Marshall of Elkhart; three grandchildren, James Stoddard and his wife, Susan, and Robert and John Stoddard; and a great-granddaughter, Faith Hanna Stoddard.

A foster daughter, Betty Brainard, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Shore Mennonite Church, with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating. Calling will be at the church today from 5-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorials are to the Gideons or Youth for Christ. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Lois Smith

AUBURN — Lois M. Smith, 91, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith had been a secretary for the C.E. McClintock Law Office, Albion Production Credit and DeKalb County Farm Bureau Credit. She also was a bookkeeper for John D. Smith & Sons Inc. for 30 years.

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1928. She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church for 45 years and its Ruth Circle. She belonged to the Union Township Home Demonstration Club for over 50 years.

She was born Dec. 16, 1910, in Scipio Township, Allen County, to John David Sellers and Lillie (Tracht) Sellers.

She married John D. Smith on Oct. 3, 1937, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving area two sons and daughters-in-law, Paul D. and Carol Smith of Angola, and Thomas L. and Cathy Smith of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Sue Ann and Paul T. Walter of Hillsdale, Mich.; one brother, Forest Sellers of Middlebury; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Ralph and Howard Sellers, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Jeffrey Hull

FORT WAYNE — Jeffrey Lynn Hull, 42, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at Parkview Hospital from injuries sustained in an accident on U.S. 33.

He attended Wolf Lake School and Columbia City High School and had worked at Essex Wire and Cable for over 24 years. He was a member of Escorts M.C. for the past nine years. He spent his lifetime in Whitley and Allen counties, and lived briefly in Noble County.

He was born Nov. 24, 1959, in Columbia City, to Ronald Truman and Joan (Ratcliff) Hull, and his parents survive in North Webster.

Also surviving are two daughters, Jessica P. Collier of Columbia City and Jennifer L. Miller of Albion; three sons, Justin A. and Joris Hull of Churubusco and Jeffrey L. Miller of Albion; a granddaughter, Alexis Pletcher of Columbia City; his fiancé, Cheri Hall of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandy and Carl Thompson and Rochelle B. and Dan Rose of Columbia City; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Rick T. and Jodie Hull of Waterloo and Ronald E. and Candy Hull of Columbia City.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with the Rev. Lannie Maloney of Thorncreek Bethel Church of God officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Condolences and memorial book signatures may be e-mailed to www.demoneygrimes.com.

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This obituary is being reprinted to include additional information.

Roberta Meeks

MIAMI, Fla. — Roberta Lynne Cook Whitner Meeks, 60, Miami, Fla., died Tuesday at Palmetto General Hospital in Hialeah, Fla.

Mrs. Meeks was born Oct. 26, 1941, in Fort Wayne to Robert W. and Geraldine Cook. She married Richard Meeks on April 12, 1970.

Her mother and husband both survive in Miami.

She worked as an administrative assistant at the Dade County, Fla., Attorney General's Office. She also worked at Allied Mills (Wayne Feeds/Continental Grain) for over 20 years as a customer services traffic and purchasing agent.

She was a former member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, and was a member of Miami St. Paul Evangelical Church in Miami.

She was a classical pianist and enjoyed crafts.

In addition to her mother and husband, she is also survived by a brother, Larry Cook of Houston, Texas; a sister, Carolyn Johnston of Wolcottville; three stepchildren, Richard F.G.R. Meeks of Seattle, Brent Meeks of Fort Wayne and Bruce Nestor of Decatur; three granddaughters and five grandsons.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. today at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7819 Decatur Road, Fort Wayne. No calling will be held.

Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Miami St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 10700 SW 56th St., Miami, FL 33165 or Trinity Evangelical Lutheran. There are Meeks Memorial Funds at both churches.

Cora Stutzman

MIDDLEBURY — Cora V. Stutzman, 79, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002, at Carriage Manor Nursing Home in Goshen.

She had worked as a seamstress for Paragon Interiors in Goshen and was a member of Fork's Mennonite Church. She had lived in Middlebury since Jan. 17, 1945.

Mrs. Stutzman

She was born July 17, 1922, in Arthur, Ill., to Simon J. and Sovilla (Miller) Marner. On Oct. 22, 1942, in Arthur, she married Ezra W. Stutzman, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and their husbands, Fern and Henry Yoder of Middlebury and Josephine and Jim Miller of Goshen; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Wilbur "Will" Stutzman of Goshen, Gerald and Esther Stutzman of Shipshewana and Harold and Jerri Stutzman of Middlebury; 12 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

An infant brother, Ervin Marner, died in 1924.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Fork's Mennonite Church in Middlebury, with the Rev. Wes Yoder and the Rev. Mahlon Miller officiating. Calling will be at the church today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Tuesday. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to the church or a charity of the donor's choice. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Cochard

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Adele Cochard, 76, of Kendallville, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

She was a 1944 Kendallville High School graduate and a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville. She was a past member of Charm and Chatter Home Economics Club and worked at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 22 years, retiring in January, 1988.

She was born Oct. 15, 1925, in Kendallville, to Fred J. Sr. and Carrie (Hetzel) McWhinney. On June 15, 1945, in Kendallville, she married Robert Linhart Cochard, and he preceded her in death on April 26, 1987.

Surviving are four daughters and their husbands, Carijane and Robert Farmer and Susan and Ben Wert of Kendallville, Becky and Ron Koval of Delaware, Ohio, and Mindy and Junior Gamble of Fort Wayne; a son and his wife, John and Stacy Cochard of South Milford; a sister, Jan Ketcham of Albion; a brother and his wife, Fred Jr. and Linda McWhinney of Pretty Lake, Wolcottville; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church building fund. Condolences may be sent to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Karl Schrock

SHIPSHEWANA — Karl Eugene Schrock, 11, of Shipshewana, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, of injuries sustained in a pedestrian accident.

He was a fifth-grader at Westview Middle School in Topeka.

He was born May 24, 1990, in Goshen to Marlin and Erma (Bontrager) Schrock.

Surviving are his parents, of Shipshewana; his grandparents, Albert T. and Ella (Gingerich) Schrock of Shipshewana and Monroe and Mary (Schrock) Bontrager of Millersburg; two sisters, Lorinda and Kara Schrock; and six brothers, Lamar, John, Nathan, Marcus, Joel and Daryl Schrock.

Services will be held Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Perry Bontrager Jr. residence, 2260N C.R. 1000W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Sam Lambright and the Home Ministers of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at his home. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Larry Campbell

KENDALLVILLE — Larry W. Campbell, 59, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002.

He formerly worked for McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville and most recently for Dana at Syracuse.

He was born Nov. 13, 1942, in Kendallville to Willard and Oliva (Mulholland) Campbell.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and Brett Boyd of Pleasant Lake; two grandsons, Blake and Bo Boyd of Pleasant Lake; a granddaughter, Brook Boyd of Pleasant Lake; an uncle, Tony Mulholland of Kendallville; and an aunt and uncle, Beverly and Emerson Emrick of Churubusco.

Memorial services will be held Friday at noon at Free Will Baptist Church in Waterloo, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Free Will Baptist Church youth group.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ollie D. Hamdin** were held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City, with the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were John Hamdin, Delbert Manns, Earl Sayler, Felix and Mike Landez, Travis Bailey, Eugene Howard and Damon Handshoe. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

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Sara Bullock

MONROEVILLE — Sara Jane Bullock, 62, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a housekeeper for University Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne and a member of the Monroeville Church of the Nazarene. She enjoyed racing and shopping.

She was born Sept. 3, 1939, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are five sons, Lonnie Bullock of Munster, Donald Bullock of Kendallville, Dennis of Ossian and John and Terry Bullock of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Donald Wilson of Woodburn, Eugene Wilson of Colorado and Robert Wilson of Monroeville; two sisters, Laura Wright of Illinois and Geraldine Stephens of Fort Wayne; 24 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Jordan Stout

FORT WAYNE — Jordan E. Stout, 8 months, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002, at Cleveland Clinic.

She was born in Fort Wayne and is survived by her parents, Erik D. and Rhonda J. Stout of Fort Wayne; her brother, Connor or Fort Wayne; her grandparents, Joe Colone of Fort Wayne, Steve Stout of Holiday, Fla., and Joey and Nevin White of Syracuse; and two great-grandmothers, Margaret Scherer of Decatur and Audrey Downing of Wolcottville.

Services will be held at noon Thursday at Our Hope Lutheran Church, 1826 Trinity Drive, with calling 30 minutes before services. Calling will also be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Marie Mercer

BUTLER — Marie E. Mercer, 82, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, at 9:40 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler. She was a homemaker and had lived in Butler.

She was born July 1, 1919, in Lawrenceville, Ill., to Eldred and Rose (Lancaster) Baker.

She married Levi C. Mercer on Jan. 4, 1951, in Hicksville, Ohio. He died July 14, 1995.

Surviving are four sons, Gilbert Mercer and Carson Mercer, both of Butler, Ron Nolen of Anderson and Terry Nolen of Kissimmee, Fla.; three daughters, Anita Rhoades of Anderson, Rosalee Smith of Ligonier and Georgina Williams of Illinois; one sister, Wanda Conrad of Brazil, Ind.; 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

A son, Kenny Ray Nolen, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with calling after 9 a.m. Pastor Dale Rabineau will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

Russell Sievers

COLUMBIA CITY — Russell E. Sievers, 82, of Columbia City, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A 1939 graduate of Coesse High School, he served in the U.S. Army from 1942-44 during World War II. He worked at Weatherhead until 1962, and then at Essex until his retirement in 1982. He was sexton of Oak Grove (Compton) Cemetery from 1980-1998. He was a member of the Oak Grove Church of God, American Legion Post 98 and the Farm Bureau.

He was born Nov. 1, 1919, in Washington Township, Whitley County, to H. Clyde and Jennie Lind (Johnson) Sievers. On May 10, 1943, he married Evelyn L. Schrader, and she preceded him in death June 26, 1993. Two brothers, Irvin and Elmer Sievers, and a sister, Florence Hawn, are also deceased.

Surviving are two sons and their wives, Darwin R. and Joan Sievers of Albion and Leonard B. and Laura Sievers of Columbia City; three grandchildren, Chad Sievers of Bloomington, Amanda Bartkus and her husband, Michael, of Fort Wayne, and Luke Sievers of Columbia City; and two sisters, Edna Bates of Columbia City and Louise Tharp of Elkhart.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Oak Grove Church of God, 2426 S. Raber Road, Columbia City, with the Rev. Mark Goeglein and the Rev. Robert Eatherton officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City and one hour before services at the church Friday. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Memorials are to Oak Grove Child Care Ministries.

Margaret Gardner Moore

FORT WAYNE — Margaret J. Gardner Moore, 74, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She was a postal worker for 10 years, retiring in 1976, and a former co-owner of ATC Co. She was born in Kendallville and was a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne.

Her husbands, Van W. Gardner and Elmer E. Moore, both preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cheri A. and Mark Becker of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Terry A. and Tammy Gardner of Huntertown, and Gary V. and Barbara Gardner of Huntsville, Ala.; a sister, Jeanne Douglass of South Bend; two granddaughters and three grandsons.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home or Parkview Hospital Foundation.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Max N. Martin** were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Larry David, Charles A. and Mike Martin, Rick Naatz, Robert Monroe and Tab Neff Foust. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Reford Gayhart

HOWE — Reford Gayhart, 78, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He owned and operated a general merchandise store in McDowell, Ky., and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

He was born March 17, 1923, in Cloither, W.Va., to Barth and Sarah (Alley) Gayhart. On Nov. 27, 1974, in Clintwood, Va., he married Helen Mosley, and she survives in Howe.

Also surviving are a son, Dolph Gayhart of Howe; a stepson, Green Gayhart of Howe; three sisters, Dixie Kirby of Perrysville, Ohio, Ruby Tackett of Covington, Ky., and Corzettie Brewer of Burr Oak, Mich.; three brothers, Alvin and Delbert Gayhart of Indianapolis and Daniel Gayhart of Christenburg, Ohio; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Six brothers and seven sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh, with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Clabe Mosley officiating. Calling will be today after 3 p.m. and all day Thursday at the church. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemeter, LaGrange.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

- AVILLA — Services for **Anthony "Tony" Ellert** were held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, with Monsignor Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Pallbearers were David and Brian Sandberg, Christopher and Dennis Pegg, Jon VandenBand and David Hess. Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla was in charge of arrangements.

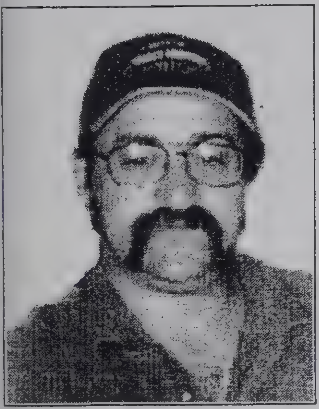
Jeffrey Lynn Hull

FORT WAYNE - Jeffrey Lynn Hull, 42, formerly of Columbia City, and currently of 2004 Broadmoor, Fort Wayne, died at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, January 26, 2002 as the result of a two car accident at US 33 and Lamlie Road, Allen County, at 3:45 p.m., Saturday.

He was born on November 24, 1959 in Columbia City to Ronald Truman and Joan (Ratcliff) Hull. He has spent his lifetime in Whitley and Allen Counties and a brief time in Noble County.

He attended Wolf Lake School and Columbia City High School and had worked at Essex Wire and Cable for over 24 years. He was a member of Escorts M. C. for the past 9 years.

He is survived by two daughters, Jessica P. Collier of Columbia City and Jennifer L. Miller of Albion; three sons, Justin A. and Joris Hull of Churubusco and Jeffrey L. Miller of Albion; his parents, Ronald T. and Joan Hull of North Webster; one granddaughter, Alexis Pletcher of Columbia City; fiancee, Cheri Hall of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Sandy (Carl) Thompson and Rochelle B. (Dan) Rose of Columbia City; two brothers, Rick T. (Jodie) Hull of Waterloo and Ronald E. (Candy) Hull of Columbia City.



Jeff Hull

Visitation will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, January 30, 2002 at the DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 31, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Lannie Maloney of the Thorncreek Bethel Church of God officiating. Burial will be at the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, Noble County. For additional information, sending condolences and to sign the memorial book visit: www.demoneygrimes,com.

Mary Cochard

KENDALLVILLE-Mary Adele Cochard, 76, of Kendallville, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

She was a 1944 Kendallville High School graduate and a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville. She was a past member of Charm and Chatter Home Economics Club and worked at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 22 years, retiring in January, 1988.

She was born Oct. 15, 1925, in Kendallville, to Fred J. Sr. and Carrie (Hetzel) McWhinney. On June 15, 1945, in Kendallville, she married Robert Linhart Cochard, and he preceded her in death on April 26, 1987.

Surviving are four daughters and their husbands, Carijane and Robert Farmer and Susan and Ben Wert of Kendallville, Becky and Ron Koval of Delaware, Ohio, and Mindy and Junior Gamble of Fort Wayne; a son and his wife, John and Stacy Cochard of South Milford; a sister, Jane Ketcham of Albion; a brother and his wife, Fred Jr. and Linda McWhinney of Pretty Lake, Wolcottville; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday at the First Christian Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church building fund. Condolences may be sent to: sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Martin Kitt

ARVADA, Colo. — Martin P. Kitt, 77, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at the Exempla Colorado Lutheran Home.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and the U.S. Navy as an aircraft mechanic during World War II. He was a cabinet builder, home builder, fisherman and equestrian. He was employed by Ball Corp. and Ihly Industries. After retirement he provided property management services for Personal Affordable Living Inc., a housing program for adults with developmental disabilities.

He was born Jan. 28, 1925, in Albion. He married Helen Haase, who preceded him in death. On July 25, 1972, in Wheat Ridge, Colo., he married Alice Higgins Darland, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Deanna Custer of Arvada and Sandra Partridge; a stepson, Alan Darland of Arvada; a stepdaughter, Janice O'Toole of Colton, Wash.; two brothers, James Kitt of Palisade, Colo., and Robert Kitt of Albion; and six grandchildren.

A daughter, Robin Morgan, also preceded him in death.

A celebration of life open house will be 1-5 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Kitt residence in Arvada. His body was donated to the Anatomical Board of Colorado for use in medical education and science, after which it will be cremated.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, Rocky Mountain Chapter, 789 Sherman No. 500, Denver, CO 80203; Guardianship Alliance of Colorado, P.O. Box 740745, Arvada, CO 80006-0745' or Personal Affordable Living Inc., P.O. Box 741042, Arvada, CO 80006-1042.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Mary Cochard** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church with Pastor Thomas Clothier officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Robert and Andy Farmer, Ben Wert, Ron, Jason and Kyle Koval, Junior and Ben Gamble, Justin Cochard, and Ryan Alwine. Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Hazel Schaefer

LAOTTO — Hazel E. Schaefer, 95, of LaOtto died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She was a homemaker and lifelong Noble County resident. She was a member of the Swan Township Homemakers Club and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

She was born Feb. 16, 1906, in Merriam, to Jacob M. and Utokie (Ragan) Snell. On April 3, 1926, in Albion, she married Lloyd Schaefer, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 22, 1995. Three brothers, Virgil, Herbert and Jay Snell are also deceased, and a daughter, Ethel Anderson, died in 1996.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Lee Myers of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Gale and Beverly Schaefer of Churubusco; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Stella Henning of Monroe, Mich., Edna Herendeen of Albion and Jessie Scheurich of Churubusco; and a sister-in-law, Mary Snell of Avilla.

Services will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with the Rev. Susan Socha officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 3-7 p.m. and one hour prior to the services Sunday. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the church.

Teddy Keener

CHURUBUSCO — Teddy G. Keener, 58, of Churubusco died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2002, at home.

He worked as a dental technician in Illinois and Tennessee for three years, as a machinist for Weatherhead of Syracuse for two years, a tool maker for Essex for four years and in the maintenance department for Dana Corp. from 1976-1981, when he retired. He was a member of Sugar Grove Church of God.

He was born Dec. 19, 1943, in Warsaw to Kenneth and Mary (Bowman) Keener, who survive in Columbia City. He was a Churubusco resident since 1974, when he moved there from Tri-Lakes. On Feb. 3, 1973, in Columbia City, he married Cheryl Meyer, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Derrick and Christine, Devin and Stacy, Dane and Freedom and Dru and Tracy Keener, all of Churubusco; seven grandchildren, Jay, Justin, Jessica, Allison, Nicole, Nathaniel and Larissa; a brother, Jack Keener of Middlebury; and his mother-in-law, Jeannie Meyer of Churubusco.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Sugar Grove Church of God north of Churubusco, with the Rev. Timothy Grable officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-9 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to the church, Whitley County Parkview Hospice or Post Polio Association. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Helen McCollough

BUTLER — Helen McCollough, 77, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at 3:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. McCollough was a homemaker and bookkeeper. She lived in Butler and was an avid fan of horses and NASCAR racing.

She was born March 6, 1924, in Butler to Paul and Sara Bell (Helwig) Gunsenhouser.

She married Ralph McCollough on Nov. 3, 1945, in Garrett. He died Sept. 28, 1968.

Mrs. McCollough

Surviving are three daughters, Marilou Borne of Churubusco, Margaret Hutchins of Hamilton, and Martha Wyeth of Indianapolis; one brother, Ralph Gunsenhouser of Fort Wayne; one sister, Lois Turner of LaGrange; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Nichols

KENDALLVILLE — Robert G. Nichols, 87, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

He was a foundry worker and had recently worked in the machine shop at Hymatic, from which he retired in 1983.

He was born Oct. 11, 1914, to Arthur and Clara (Bowman) Nichols. He first married Mary L. Richards, and she preceded him in death in 1973. He then married Donna Donley, and she died in 1984. Two infant daughters, Linda Mae and Ruth Nichols, three sisters and three brothers are also deceased.

Surviving are a two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Theresea Nichols and Jerry and Charlotte Nichols, all of Kendallville; two sisters, Violet Marley of Swayzee, and Betty Strunk of Benton Harbor, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Michael Booher officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Burr Oak Cemetery, Burr Oak, Mich.

Memorials are to Hickory Creek Nursing Home. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Roberta Hicks

LIGONIER — Roberta Hicks, 41, of Ligonier, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Wynona Reese

GARRETT — Wynona L. Reese, 92, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at 9:35 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Reese was a homemaker and lived in Garrett for 13 years.

She was born Oct. 16, 1909, in Willard, Ohio, to Cornelius J. and Anna (Albright) Strickfaden.

She married James Reese on Nov. 30, 1956, in Angola. He died Aug. 29, 1965.

Surviving are one son, Kenneth Judson of Wolcottville; two daughters, Georgetta Russell of Dorton, Ky., and Dorothy Brown of Garrett; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Helen Shepherd, Lucille Trushel and Margaret Trushel.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Graveside services for **Larry Campbell** were held Friday at 1 p.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, with the Rev. Ron Stanbaugh officiating. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

STROH — Services for **Reford Gayheart** were held Friday at 11 a.m. at Mount Calvary Church in Stroh, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Pallbearers were Rickey, Green, Joshua and Dolpha Gayheart, Gregory Moore, Bob Bond, Robert Maple and John Dent Osborne. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

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Jessie Cannady

BUTLER - Jessie L. Cannady, 68, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at 9 p.m. at his home in Butler.

Mr. Cannady was a laborer for Bohn Aluminum in Butler for 18 years. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

He was born Nov. 9, 1933, in Puryear, Tenn., to Jessie and Katie (Jackson) Cannady.

He married Carolyn Thorne on May 11, 1957 in Corinth, Miss. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Melinda Cannady of Butler and James and Gloria Cannady of Edgerton, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Susie and Gray Pinkston of Butler, Melinda and Denny Vian of Corunna and Martha and Paul White of Waterloo; a brother, Dow Hicks of Puryear, Tenn.; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One brother, James Hicks, and two grandchildren preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Dennis Leinbach will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Regional Cancer Center.

Catherine Hull

LIGONIER - Catherine (Plummer) Hull, 91, formerly of Ligonier, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at Tendercare Nursing Home in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

She was born Aug. 24, 1910, in Columbia City to Ira and Mae Plummer.

She married Milton James "Jim" Hull on Aug. 15, 1937. He died in June 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, M. Thomas and Carolyn Hull of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Virginia and Gilbert Cymbalist of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; five grandsons and their wives, Brian and Jamie Hull of Syracuse, John and Kaye Hull of Ligonier, Mark and Reese Hull of Pinckney, Mich., Andrew and Lisa Cymbalist of Jeffersonville, and Benjamin and Katrinia Cymbalist of Kincheloe, Mich; and five great-grandchildren, Kelsea, Kristin and Morgan Hull and Daylen and Miriam Cymbalist.

She was preceded in death by an infant son in 1939 and a great-granddaughter, Mara Elizabeth Cymbalist in 2001.

Private services and burial will take place in Oak Park Cemetery of Ligonier. Hovie Funeral Home of Sault Ste. Marie and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier are in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Presbyterian Church of a charity of the donor's choice.

Tony Manns

LAGRANGE - Tony Manns, 92, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at 10 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home at LaGrange.

Mr. Manns had worked for many years for the Forestry Service in Kentucky.

He was born Nov. 5, 1909, in Jackson, Ky., to Jasper and Miranda (Howard) Manns.

He married Lula Conley on Dec. 3, 1931, in Kentucky. She died in 1987.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Vera Bailey of LaGrange, Veva and Bill Blaylock of LaGrange and Buretta and Benjamin Hall of Auburn; one son and daughter-in-law, Glenn and Pam Manns of Howe; a sister, Eliza Ritchie of Frankfort, Ky.; 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

One son, Willie Manns, and one daughter, Geneva Rogers, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Carney-Frost Funeral Home at LaGrange. The Rev. Wade Sturdivant will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery of LaGrange.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

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M. Lucille Mercer

UNION CITY, Mich. — M. Lucille Mercer, 85, of Union City died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at the Laurels of Coldwater nursing home.

Mrs. Mercer was a cafeteria worker for the sanitarium in Battle Creek. She also worked at Doles Supermarket and Kellogg's, and retired from Consumers Power Co. in 1965.

She was very patriotic and loved astronomy, traveling (especially to the Great Lakes in northern Michigan), sewing, gardening, reading, remodeling (she did her own carpentry work) and stamp collecting. She was a member of the Kellogg Chorus and sang in the choir at Central Christian Church in Battle Creek.

She was raised in Albion, Mich., graduating from Washington Gardner High School in 1934. She was Albion's centennial queen in 1935. She moved to Battle Creek and later Union City.

She was born Feb. 25, 1916, in Albion, Mich., to Orville and Marguerite (Harvey) Biggs.

She married Russell C. Mercer on March 7, 1946. He died in 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Nancy Mercer of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and John Kruger of Greeley, Colo.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Alice Ashley of Battle Creek.

A sister and two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Putnam Funeral Home, 601 N. Broadway, Union City. Pastor Gaylon Majors will officiate. Burial will be in Battle Creek Memorial Park.

Calling is Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Molly Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Molly Miller, 90, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at 5:15 a.m. at her home in Middlebury. She had been in declining health.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born April 30, 1911, in LaGrange County to Menno J. and Susie (Miller) Bontreger.

She married Henry N. Miller on Dec. 3, 1931, in LaGrange County. He died Nov. 3, 1970.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Ida and Harley Lambright of Topeka, Mary and Andrew Lehman of Middlebury, Anna Miller of Middlebury and Susie and Freeman Yoder of Howe; four sons and four daughters-in-law, Leonard and Ruby Miller of Shipshewana, Melvin and Susie Miller of Middlebury, Elmer and Marilyn Miller of Goshen and Sam and Mary Ellen Miller of Middlebury; 41 grandchildren, 103 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons, 10 stepgrandchildren, 74 stepgreat-grandchildren and 21 stepgreat-great-grandchildren; a sister, Anna Schrock of Middlebury; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Eli and Mabel Bontreger of Middlebury and Elmer and Lydia Bontreger of Shipshewana.

She was preceded in death by two granddaughters, one great-grandson, a sister, Fannie Gingerich, and a brother, David Bontreger.

Services will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the family residence, 11930 W. 250-N, Middlebury. Bishop Sam E. Bontreger and home ministers will officiate. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery of Shipshewana.

Calling is today after 1 p.m. and all day Monday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Hiram Fee Jr.

COLDWATER, Mich. — Hiram P. Fee Jr., 81, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Fee was a retired superintendent of the Coldwater Board of Public Utilities Power Plant, retiring after 36 years of service. A veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, he was a member of Coldwater American Legion Post 52 and the United Commercial Travelers, Coldwater. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and traveling.

He was born Dec. 21, 1920, in Auburn to Hiram P. and Josie (Nott) Fee.

On Feb. 8, 1947, in Angola, he married Marian Isenhower. She survives in Coldwater.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Robert Hageman of Coldwater; four sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Tanice Fee of Seattle and Lanny and Faye Fee, Ronald and Barbara Fee and Rodger and Leslee Fee, all of Coldwater; two sisters, Harriet Hernandez of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Betty Warkoczeski of Sun Lake, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

His stepmother, Viola (Barnes) Fee, a brother, Clifford Fee, and a stepbrother, Robert Fee, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Diane Stome officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with military services conducted by Coldwater American Legion Post 52.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

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Connie Shuman

WATERLOO — Connie J. Shuman, 80, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at 11:25 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Shuman was a cook at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn for 12 years, retiring in 1985. She was a member of the Eastern Star lodges in Waterloo and Ashley and the Pythian Sisters in Hamilton.

She was born July 13, 1921, in Auburn to Russell and Ruth (Bauer) Blanchard.

Her husband, Elmer Shuman, died in 1993.

Surviving are four sons, Mike Shuman of Hicksville, Ohio, Gary Shuman of Fishers, Phil Shuman of Bellevue, Neb., and Mark Shuman of Waterloo; a sister, Lois Cooper of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One grandson preceded her in death.

Private services will be held Monday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care.

Charles Sprouse

SHIPSHEWANA — Charles E. Sprouse, 78, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at 11:15 p.m. at his home in Shipshewana.

Mr. Sprouse was retired from Mishler Meat Packing in Shipshewana. He moved from Stroh to Shipshewana in 1985.

He was a member of Living Stone Christian Fellowship and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born March 2, 1923, in Louisville, Ky., to Edward and Goldie (Smith) Sprouse.

He married Bertha M. Porter on May 24, 1943, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Thelma and Clair Milleman of Warsaw; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry W. and Joyce Sprouse of Auburn; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Living Stone Christian Fellowship at Middlebury. The Rev. David G. Garty will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange, with military graveside services by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to Living Stone Christian Fellowship or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Roberta Hicks

LIGONIER — Roberta A. Hicks, 41, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at 4:20 p.m. in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. She suffered a heart attack.

Mrs. Hicks had worked as an inspector at Acadia Rubber Co. in Ligonier.

She moved to Ligonier in 1999, previously living in Kendallville and Cromwell.

She was born Dec. 17, 1960 in Goshen to Paul and Betty (Cole) Sanders. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Ronald Earl Hicks on Feb. 13, 1981, in Albion. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, Janie and Carl Keen of Wawaka, Julie Sanders and Ramiro Reyes of Albion, and Connie and Scott Adkins of Crystal Springs, Fla.; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Denny and Carolyn Sanders of Ligonier, Howard and Yvonne Sanders of Angola, Donald and Nora Sanders of Wawaka and Gary and Linda Sanders of LaGrange; and 15 nieces and nephews, including A.J. Sanders, for whom she babysat and with whom she was very close.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church at Lisbon. Elder Larry Dixon and Elder Morris Wicker will officiate. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery.

Calling is Monday after 2 p.m. at the church.

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Hazel Schaefer

LAOTTO — Hazel E. Schaefer, 95, of LaOtto died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She was a homemaker and lifelong Noble County resident. She was a member of the Swan Township Homemakers Club and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

She was born Feb. 16, 1906, in Merriam, to Jacob M. and Utokie (Ragan) Snell. On April 3, 1926, in Albion, she married Lloyd Schaefer, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 22, 1995. Three brothers, Virgil, Herbert and Jay Snell are also deceased, and a daughter, Ethel Anderson, died in 1996.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Lee Myers of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Gale and Beverly Schaefer of Churubusco; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Stella Henning of Monroe, Mich., Edna Herendeen of Albion and Jessie Scheurich of Churubusco; and a sister-in-law, Mary Snell of Avilla.

Services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with the Rev. Susan Socha officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the church.

Richard Dunlap

LIGONIER - Richard "Dick" J. Dunlap, 74, of Ligonier, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at 2:12 p.m.

Mr. Dunlap was a retired construction worker. He worked on grounds maintenance at Maxwelton Golf Course and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born April 4, 1927, in Ligonier to David and Mae (Specken) Dunlap.

He married Norma Mehl Dunlap on Aug. 30, 1947, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and Kerry Mazelin of Nappanee, Susan and David Kilgore of Kimmell and Donna and Rick Huff of Lakeville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Glenda Dunlap of Ligonier, Bill and Diann Dunlap of Goshen and Jesse and Bev Dunlap of Ligonier; one sister, Vesta Mae Romine of Ligonier; 14 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Dennis and Amonda.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier. The Rev. John Lutton will officiate. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery of Ligonier.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or Ligonier Church of the Nazarene.

Everett Wann

ANTWERP, Ohio — Everett "Gene" Wann, 74, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at his home.

He was a self-employed welder and retired from Chessman Trucking Co., Fort Recovery, Ohio.

A World War II veteran, he served in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Amvets and Disabled American Veterans.

He was born March 10, 1927, at Pioneer, Ohio, to Everett and Pauline (Null) Wann.

On Feb. 18, 1948, in Antwerp, Ohio, he married Alice I. Rogers. She died Oct. 10, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters, Sharon Wann of Hicksville, Ohio, and Cindy Fraley of Bucyrus, Ohio; four sons, Bruce Wann of Barling, Ark., Dennis Wann of Antwerp, Charles Wann of Hicksville and Andrew Wann of Angola; a brother, Harold Wann of Antwerp; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A brother, Claren Jay Wann, also preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Pastor James E. Martenies officiating. Military services will be conducted by the Hicksville VFW and the American Legion. Graveside services will be at Scipio Cemetery at a later date.

Calling is Monday after 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Roberta Hicks

LIGONIER — Roberta A. Hicks, 41, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at 4:20 p.m. in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. She suffered a heart attack.

Mrs. Hicks had worked as an inspector at Acadia Rubber Co. in Ligonier.

She moved to Ligonier in 1999, previously living in Kendallville and Cromwell.

She was born Dec. 17, 1960 in Goshen to Paul and Betty (Cole) Sanders. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Ronald Earl Hicks on Feb. 13, 1981, in Albion. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, Jeanie and Carl Keene of Wawaka, Julie Sanders and Ramiro Reyes of Albion and Connie and Scott Adkins of Crystal Springs, Fla.; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Denny and Carolyn Sanders of Ligonier, Howard and Yvonne Sanders of Angola, Donald and Nora Sanders of Wawaka and Gary and Linda Sanders of LaGrange; and 15 nieces and nephews, including A.J. Sanders, for whom she babysat and with whom she was very close.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church at Lisbon. Elder Larry Dixon and Elder Morris Wicker will officiate. Calling is today after 2 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery.

Herhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Burtch

PLEASANT LAKE — Richard W. Burtch, 86, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, at 11:25 a.m. in his rural Pleasant Lake home.

Mr. Burtch was a former Garrett resident. He was employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 18 years, retiring in 1977, and had a machine shop in Garrett from 1937 to 1959.

He served as a Garrett City Council member for 20 years. He was a member of Garrett Masonic Lodge 537, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Garrett Eagles Lodge and Mount Zion United Methodist Church in rural Pleasant Lake.

He was born March 2, 1915, in Garrett to Nelson and Julia (Cartwright) Burtch.

He married Catherine I. Rahrig on Oct. 8, 1937, in Avilla. She died July 6, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard A. and Jan Burtch of Pleasant Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Julianne and Milton Hersey of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Lila Deuitch of LaPorte; six grandchildren, Anne Sasko, Joan Wiggins, Nathan Hersey, Brian Burtch, Mollie Galloway and Carson Burtch; and eight great-grandchildren, Katie Galloway, Amy Joy, Dustin, and Jake Wiggins, Ian Sasko, and Alanis, Vanessa and Cole Hersey.

One brother, Raymond Burtch, and one sister, Lois Deuitch, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Mount Zion United Methodist Church, with calling there after 9 a.m. The Rev. Susan Beckett will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery of rural Pleasant Lake.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the church or Cameron Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com

Elaine Thomae

HOWE — Elaine J. Thomae, 73, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe and the church's Priscilla Circle. She was past matron of Victory Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Howe and was Democratic inspector of the Lima Township election board for many years. She lived all her life in LaGrange County.

She was born May 14, 1928, in Sturgis, Mich., to Clyde C. and Harriet I. (Brown) McKinley. On Jan. 11, 1957, in LaGrange, she married Frank J. Thomae, and he survives. The couple were married 55 years.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Julie and Donald Smoker of Howe, Joyce and Donald Chaney of Fort Wayne and Susan and Dennis Loudenslager of Sturgis; a son and daughter-in-law, Philip M. and Sue Thomae of Port Lavaca, Texas; four grandchildren; three step grandchildren; and one step great-grandchild.

A brother, Dr. Clyde McKinley Jr., and a twin sister, Eleanor Jean McKinley, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Peggi Boyce and Dr. Terry Timson officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe.

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Franklin Yelton

LAGRANGE — Franklin Robert Yelton, 88, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, in LaGrange Community Hospital.

He lived many years in the LaGrange community and attended the LaGrange Church of the Nazarene.

He was born May 8, 1913, in Hazel Dell, Ill., to Samuel and Elsie Love (Welker) Yelton. On Nov. 9, 1964, in Charleston, Ill., he married Gertrude M. Miller, and she preceded him in death Dec. 22, 2000. Two sisters, Della Toppe and Pearl Strange, and a great-grandchild are also deceased.

Mr. Yelton

Surviving are four daughters, Kathryn Lehman of Topeka, Lenora Johnson of Fort Myers, Fla., Shirley Fleming of Churubusco and Sonia Yelton of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; two sons, Mike Yelton of Ligonier and Jeff Yelton of Chesterton; and a sister, Latreva McCord of LaPlace, Ill.

Services will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Eugene Sommer officiating. Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Hazel Dell Cemetery in Hazel Dell, Ill.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Church of the Nazarene.

Lucille Heintzelman

ALBION — Lucille "Red" Ray Heintzelman, 89, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She worked for R&W Excavating and in the cafeteria for Central Noble schools. A lifelong Noble County resident, she was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

She was born Feb. 17, 1912, in Albion, to Hershal and Mary E. (Budd) Clouse. On Feb. 27, 1932, she married Russell "Tut" Ray, and he preceded her in death in 1992. She married Lawrence Heintzelman on Feb. 19, 1994, and he died in 1998.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Inez and Clifford Slentz of Fort Wayne and Patsy and Carl Gaff of Albion; a stepson and his wife, Roger and Charlene Heintzelman; a stepdaughter and her husband, Sue Ellen and Charles Beers; five grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 10 step great-granchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to the Asbury United Methodist Church music department.

Jack Koogler

CHURUBUSCO — Jack D. Koogler Sr., 78, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at VA Reginal Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Springfield, Ohio, and owned J.D. Floorings Co., retiring in 1989. He was a World War II Army veteran.

His wife, Evelyn, died in 1994.

Surviving are four sons, Jack D. Jr. of New Haven, Douglas E. and John D., both of Fort Wayne and Dennis J. of Churubusco; a half-brother, Frank Koogler of Springfield; his stepmother, Grace Koogler of Springfield; a step-daughter, Sandra Jastremski of Huntertown; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Perry Township Cemetery, Huntertown, with military honors.

Memorials are to Statewood Baptist Church Food Bank.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide correct information.

Marabelle Nape

COLUMBIA CITY — Marabelle Nape, 77, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

She was born in Noble County and worked at Alcoils from 1973-1979. She also worked at the Columbia City Nursing Home from 1979-1986, when she retired.

Her husband, Harry L. "Bud," died in 1966.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Amy Palmer of Akron, Ohio; a brother, Walter Rosenogle of Columbia City; a sister, Cecile Roberson of Churubusco; three step grandchildren; and several step great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City, with calling from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery in Noble County.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.demoneygrimes.com.

John Mast

LAGRANGE — John M. Mast, 89, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at the home of his daughter, Mary Troyer, in LaGrange.

He was a farmer and lived most of his life in LaGrange County. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born April 13, 1912, in LaGrange County, to Mose L. and Mary (Yoder) Mast. He married his first wife, Fannie J. Weaver, on March 11, 1934, in LaGrange, and she preceded him in death July 14, 1967. He married Millie J. Weaver on Dec. 5, 1971, in LaGrange, and she died Dec. 28, 1988.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Lydia Mae and Alvin Troyer of Sturgis, Mich., Mary and Johnnie Troyer of LaGrange, Edna and Ernest Yoder of Shipshewana and Katie and Chris Fry of Conneaut Lake, Pa.; and five sons and four daughters-in-law, Delbert and Anna Marie Mast of LaGrange, Jonas and Rose Mast of Blackville, S.C., David and Lucy Mast of Elkhart, Levi Mast of Fort Lupton, Colo. and Ervin and Rose Mast of Howe.

Also surviving are three stepdaughters and their husbands, Esther and Harley Miller of Topeka and Emma and Alvin Miller and Lizzie Ann and Martin Yoder, all of LaGrange; six stepsons and their wives, Perry and Barbara Miller of Middlebury, Emanuel and Clara Miller of LaGrange, Levi and Mattie Miller, Jonas and Ida Miller and Freeman Miller, all of Topeka, and Christy and Carolyn Miller of Shipshewana; 35 grandchildren; 84 great-grandchildren; 66 stepgrandchildren; and 161 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the John W. Beech residence at 1129S 250W, LaGrange, with the Home Ministers officiating. Calling will be after 2 p.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday at the Delbert Mast residence at 1450S 300W, LaGrange. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Louis Baldridge

CROMWELL— Louis Harold Baldridge, 73, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at Goshen Hospital.

He was born in Lodi, Mo., and worked as a welder and had worked as a shrimper off the coast of Georgia.

Surviving are his wife, Bernette; two stepdaughters, Dede Scalzo of Clinton, Conn., and Sharon Yoder of North Webster; a stepson, Gerald Dager of Fort Wayne; 10 stepgrandchilden; 12 stepgreat-grandchildren; four sisters, Lena Baldridge, Florence O'Kelly, Hester Bryant and Frances Baldridge of Detroit; and a brother, Oscar Jr. of Detroit.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Pierceton. There will be no calling.

Paul Anderson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Paul A. Anderson, 83, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

He was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, and retired in 1982 as an engine builder for International Harvester Co. after 44 years. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Edna L.; three daughters, Pamela Ann Boulware of Tarpon Springs, Fla., Patricia Ann Anderson of Fort Wayne and Paula Ann Weiks of Woodburn; a brother, Ralph E. of Landsville, Pa.; a sister, Dorothy C. Slichenmyer of Fox Lake, Ill.; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 2240 Lake Ave., with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be today from 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Bryan Gause

LIBERTY — Bryan D. Gause, 45, of Liberty, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at Fayette Memorial Hospital in Connersville.

An East Noble High School graduate and a 1979 graduate of Purdue University, he had lived in Union County since July, 1984. He was a member of the Liberty Lions Club, the Indiana State Teachers Association and the Purdue Alumni Association, and was president of the National Association of Agricultural Educators. He was also an honorary FFA member.

He was head of the agriculture department at Union County High School since 1984, and worked at Kouts High School for over three years prior to that time. He could often be found manning ice cream concessions with his FFA members at public functions.

He was born July 19, 1956, in Kendallville to Burl and Phyllis (Mavis) Gause. On Aug. 1, 1981, in Valparaiso, he married Merle A. Maxey, and she survives in Liberty.

Also surviving are a son and daughter, Benjamin D. and Susan M. Gause, both at home; his mother and grandmother, Phyllis Mavis Wood and Hattie Mavis, both of Kendallville; a sister, Kathy Sliger of Corunna; and a niece and nephew.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Union County High School gymnasium, with the Rev. Dana Hadden of Hana's Creek Christian Church officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. at the high school gymnasium. Burial will be in West Point Cemetery, Liberty.

Memorials are to the Bryan D. Gause Memorial Scholarship Fund though the Union County Foundation, 404 Eaton St., Liberty, IN 47353. Showalter-Blackwell-Long Funeral Home in Liberty is in charge of arrangements. For information or to sign the guest book, visit www.ShowalterBlackwellLong.com

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Russell Hall

CHURUBUSCO — Russell D. Hall, 75, died at his home in Fort Wayne Monday, Feb. 4, 2002.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Neal Ryan

FORT WAYNE — Neal P. Ryan, 47, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, at Parkview Hospital.

He was self-employed and a native of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Teresa M.; a daughter, Kelsea M. of Fort Wayne; a son, Noland P. of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Doug L. Roeder of Fort Wayne; his mother, Elvira A. Ryan of Fort Wayne; a brother, Tim M. of Phoenix; and seven sisters, Susan E. Ryan of Boise, Idaho, Ann M. Reidenbach of Albion, Dona L. Atkin of San Diego and Linda M. Perry, Sharon L. Raabe, Carol A. Laisure and Maureen E. Widner, all of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3425 Crescent Ave. Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Memorials are to the church.

Ellen Short

ROME CITY — Ellen Short, 83, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at her Rome City home.

She had lived in the area for 37 years and attended Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

She was born July 6, 1918, in Carrie, Ky., to Henry Lewis and Mary Emline (Smith) Short. On Dec. 27, 1938, she married Demous Short, and he preceded her in death Aug. 8, 1972. Three brothers, Ruben Thomas, Daniel and John Wesley Short, and three sisters, Martha Short Kassee, Rebecca Short Roark and Rhilda Short, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Billie Dale Short of Rome City; a granddaughter and her husband, Jessica Leellen Rhodes and Terry Tuttle of Hudson; and two great-grandsons and their wives, Joshua David and Tabitha Williams Short of Rome City and Justin Lee and Alicia Manley Tuttle of Hudson.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Montgomery Baptist Church in Carrie, Ky., with the Rev. Archie Everidge officiating. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with an evening service at 7 p.m., and Wednesday after 2 p.m. at the church in Carrie. Burial will be in Short Family Cemetery, Carrie.

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Lucille (Red) "Ray" Heintzelman, 89

ALBION-Lucille (Red) "Ray" Heintzelman, 89, died on Sunday, February 3, 2002 at 1:15 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born on February 17, 1912 in Albion to Hershal and Mary E. (Budd) Clouse. She was a lifetime Noble County resident and had been employed at R & W Excavating and at Central Noble Cafeteria. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

On February 27, 1932 she married Russell "Tut" Ray and he preceded her in death in 1992. She married Lawrence Heintzelman on February 19, 1994 and he died in 1998.

Surviving are two daughters Mrs. Inez (Clifford) Slentz of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Patsy (Carl) Gaff of Albion; one step- son, Mr. Roger (Charlene) Heintzelman; one step-daughter, Mrs. Sue Ellen (Charles) Beers; five grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren and ten step-great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, February 6, 2002 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with Rev. Austin Ferguson officiating. Burial was in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Preferred memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church Music Dept.

Martin P. Kitt, 77

ARVADA, CO-Martin P. Kitt, of Arvada, CO, a retired can manufacturer and builder, died Jan. 26, 2002 at the Exempla Colorado Lutheran Home. A Celebration of Life open house was held February 16, 2002 at the Kitt residence in Arvada. His body has been donated to the Anatomical Board of Colorado for use in medical education and science. After which there will be cremation.

He was born Jan. 28, 1924 in Albion, IN. He served in the Army Air Forces and the Navy as an Aircraft Mechanic during World War II. He was a cabinetry builder, home builder, fisherman and equestrian. He was employed by Ball Corporation and Ihly Industries. After retirement, he provided property management services for Personal Affordable Living, Inc., a housing program for adults with developmental disabilities.

He married Alice Higgins Darland on July 25, 1972 in Wheat Ridge, CO. He had one previous marriage to Helen Haase, deceased, and had two daughters by this union: Robin Morgan, deceased, and Sandra Partridge.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Deanna Custer, Arvada; a stepson, Alan Darland, Arvada; a stepdaughter, Janice O'Toole, Colton, WA; two brothers, James Kitt of Palisade, CO, and Robert Kitt of Albion, IN; and six grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to: The Alzheimer's Association, Rocky Mountain Chapter, 789 Sherman #500, Denver, Co 80203; Guardianship Alliance of Colorado, PO Box 740745, Arvada, CO 80006-0745; or Personal Affordable Living, Inc. PO Box 741042, Arvada, CO 80006-1042.

Roberta A. Hicks

LIGONIER-Roberta A. Hicks, 41, died on Friday, February 1, 2002 at 4:20 p.m. in the Emergency Room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. She suffered a heart attack.

She was born on December 17, 1960 in Goshen to Paul and Betty (Cole) Sanders. She had previously lived in Kendallville and Cromwell. Most recently she had worked as an inspector at Acadia Rubber Co. in Ligonier.

Surviving are her husband, Ronald Earl Hicks in Ligonier; three sisters, Jeanie and Carl Keene of Wawaka, Julie Sanders and Ramiro Reyes of Albion, Connie and Scott Adkins of Crystal Springs Florida; four brothers Denny and Carolyn Sanders of Ligonier, Howard and Yvonne Sanders of Angola; Donald and Nora Sanders of Wawaka, Gary and Linda Sanders of LaGrange; fifteen nieces and nephews including A. J. Sanders who she babysat for and was very close.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 5, 2002 at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with Elder Larry Dixon and Elder Morris Wicker officiating.

Burial was in Cosperville Cemetery in Cosperville.

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Marabelle Nape

COLUMBIA CITY-Marabelle Nape, 77, of Columbia City passed away at 1:20 p.m. Saturday, February 2, 2002 at the Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Columbia City. Mrs. Nape and her brother had been involved in a 2 car accident on US 30 and Butt Road in Allen County about two weeks ago.

She was born in Noble County on December 12, 1924 to Charles and Pearl (Clingerman) Rosenogle. She attended school at the Wolf Lake High School, Wolf Lake. She was married to Harry L. "Bud" Nape, a native of Carrolton, Ohio on April 29, 1958 in Michigan City. She was reared in Noble County and moved to Michigan City in 1942 where she resided 30 years before coming to their home in Etna-Troy Township, Whitley County in 1972. In 1999 she moved into Columbia City.

Marabelle Nape

She was first employed at Alcoils, Columbia City from 1973-1979 and then she retired from the Columbia City Nursing Home in December 1986 where she had been employed since 1979. Her memberships include both the Eagles Lodge #1906 and Loyal Order of Moose #1063 Auxiliaries, Columbia City.

She is survived by one step daughter, Amy Palmer of Akron, Ohio and three step grandchildren and several step great grandchildren. One brother, Walter Rosenogle of Columbia City and one sister, Cecile Roberson of Churubusco.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Harry L. "Bud" Nape who died on January 28, 1996 at his Etna-Troy home. Also preceding her death is three sisters Madeline Roberson, Dorothy Arndt and Helen Brunner and two brothers Richard and James Rosenogle.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 5, 2002 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home with Pastor Orlo Hibbs a retired United Methodist pastor officiating. Burial was at the Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, Noble County. For additional information, sending condolences and to sign the memorial book visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Russell E. Sievers, 82

COLUMBIA CITY-Russell E. Sievers, 82, a resident of Columbia City, died at 12 noon, Tuesday, January 29, 2002 at Parkview Memorial Hospital where he was admitted on Tuesday, January 22.

He was born November 1, 1919 in Washington Township, Whitley County a son of H. Clyde and Jennie Lind Johnson Sievers. In 1928 his family moved to a farm in Columbia Township. He graduated from Coesse High School in 1939.

Russell Sievers

On January 21, 1942 he enlisted in the United States Army, serving during World War II. He was honorably discharged July 7, 1944.

Following his discharge, he began his employment at Weatherhead until 1961 when he began his employment with Essex until his retirement in 1982. He was also the sexton of Oak Grove (Compton) Cemetery from 1980 until 1998.

On May 10, 1943 he was united in marriage to Evelyn L. Schrader. They made their home on the farm in Columbia Township until December 1974 when they moved to their home in Columbia City. Mrs. Sievers died June 26, 1993.

He was a member of the Oak Grove Church of God, American Legion Post #98 and Farm Bureau.

He is survived by two sons, Darwin R. (Joan) Sievers of Albion and Leonard B. (Laura) Sievers of Columbia City; three grandchildren, Chad Sievers of Bloomington, Amanda (Michael) Bartkus of Fort Wayne and Luke Sievers of Columbia City; and two sisters, Edna Bates of Columbia City and Louise Tharp of Elkhart.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Irvin Sievers and Elmer Sievers; and a sister, Florence Hawn.

The funeral service was held on Friday, February 1 2002 at Oak Grove Church of God, in Columbia City with Rev. Mark Goeglein, church pastor, and Rev. Robert Eatherton officiating. The Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Oak Grove Child Care Ministries.

Wayne Buckland

HUDSON — Wayne Buckland, 50, of Hudson, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at Cameron Hospital, Angola.

He was self-employed for four years and worked for J.O. Mory in South Milford prior to that time. He was a member of the Eagles and Moose lodges.

He was born Sept. 24, 1951, in West Virginia, to Oliver and Velma (King) Buckland. On May 14, 1999, in Las Vegas, he married Donna Davis, and she survives in Hudson.

Also surviving are a son, Todd Buckland of LaGrange; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Terri Sue and Kevin Slaght of Hudson and Nicole and Richard Ellis of Coldwater, Mich.; two stepsons, Christopher Withrow of Coldwater and Robert Kelley of Grass Lake, Mich.; two grandchilden, Anthony and Kendra; and seven stepgrandchildren, among them Megan and Brittney Sauber of Hudson, Page and Ozzy Ellis of Coldwater and Sky, Dustin and Rocky Slaght of Hudson.

Additional survivors include three brothers, Lawrence Buckland of Theodorsia, Mo., Herbert Buckland of Wolcottville and Gary Buckland of Coldwater; and four sisters, Katheran LaCross of LaOtto, Carri Noble and Vona Burkhead of LaGrange and Patti Buckland of Churubusco.

A son, Wayne Eugene Buckland, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Russell Hall

FORT WAYNE — Russell D. Hall, 75, formerly of Huntertown, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at his home in Fort Wayne.

He worked as a dairy farmer as a young man and later operated heavy equipment in California for a short time. He was owner and operator of Russ Hall Excavating in Huntertown for 17 years, retiring in 1981. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and other outdoor activities.

He was a member of Huntertown Lodge 689 of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne, the Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne, American Legion Post 82 in Fort Wayne and Huntertown VFW Post 11314.

He was born July 30, 1926, in Upland, Grant County, to Russell L. and Georgia (Harrold) Hall. He was raised in Fort Wayne and served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. On June 14, 1947, in Ossian, he married Willadean J. Pontius, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, R. Dean Hall and Michael E. Hall of Fort Myers, Fla., and M. David and Christine Hall of Plainfield; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchilden.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m., with memorial services by the Huntertown Masonic Lodge at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice or Turnstone Center in Fort Wayne. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Charles Tackett

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Lee Tackett, 41, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at his parents' home.

He was employed at Freudenberg-NOK in Ligonier.

He was born March 5, 1960, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Walker and Lynda (Miller) Tackett. On May 18, 2000, in Kendallville he married Robin Lynn Messer, and she survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his parents, of Kendallville; two daughters, Amanda Sams of LaGrange and Danielle Bolen of Paulding, Ohio; three stepdaughters, Casey Zimmerman of Kimmell, Amanda Messer of Sturgis, Mich., and Tasha Bentley of Kendallville; two stepsons, Brandon Bentley and Jeremiah Goble, both of Kendallville; and five stepgrandchildren.

Additional survivors include three sisters, Patricia Van Hoose and Anna Fay Pack, both of Paintsville, Ky., and Elizabeth Mason and her husband, Woody, of Rome City; and three brothers, Walker J. and Emmons J. Tackett, both of Richmond, Va., and James Lee Tackett of Kendallville.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at The House of Prayer on State Road 327 south of Corunna, with the Rev. Earl Tackett officiating. Calling will be after 2 p.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Roberta A. Hicks** were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with Elder Larry Dixon and Elder Morris Wicker officiating. Burial was in Cosperville Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Michael and Jennings Ray White, Granville Roberts, Ruben and Junior Hicks and Bobby Altimus. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

AVILLA — Services for **Hazel E. Schaefer** were held Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with the Rev. Susan Socha officiating. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Dean and John Schaefer, Tom Myers, Roger Walburn, Lance Danner and Paul Grebenick.

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Verlyn Stambaugh

FORT WAYNE — Verlyn E. Stambaugh, 91, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, in Fort Wayne.

He worked for General Electric and American Hoist and was a farmer for 50 years. He was a member of the Mentone Christian Fellowship.

He was born July 26, 1910, in Spring County, S.D. His wife, Esther, preceded him in death in 1994.

Surviving are a granddaughter, Kristine Zeigler of Kimmell; and two grandsons, Dean A. and Douglas L. Hille of Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Arcola Lake Chapel United Methodist Church, 8205 Butt Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour before services. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society. Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Hermine Meyer

AVILLA — Longtime Avilla businesswoman Hermine Meyer died Wednesday at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. She had lived at the nursing home since December, 1999.

An Elkhart native, Mrs. Meyer and her husband, Robert, were the owners of Meyer Brothers, a Ford tractor store, in Avilla and Albion for many years.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

William Roswall

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — William Lee Roswall, 59, of Butler, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002.

He was born July 12, 1942, in Huntington, W.Va., to Frank and Mariola (Sheridan) Roswall.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Faith Ann and Phil Simpson of Kendallville; six brothers, Gilbert, Frank, Irvin, Russell, Stephen and Robert Roswall; three sisters, Barbara Malcolm, Diane Allen and Ellen Roswall; four grandchildren, Courtney Grace, Kristin, Kayla and Nathanael Simpson; and a special friend, Debbie Allisbaugh.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Reno Roswall.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Chapman's Mortuary, Huntington, W.Va. Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m.

Joyce E. Bowen

FORT WAYNE — Joyce E. Bowen, 55, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, at home.

She was born in Hicksville, Ohio, and worked as an accountant at Bob Buescher Homes.

Surviving are her husband, Kenneth C.; two sons, Kenneth S. Bowen-Heininger of Auburn and Melvin W. Bowen-Heininger of Kendallville; a daughter, Cynthia M. Bugert of LaOtto; four brothers, Jerry Zehr of Fort Wayne, James Zehr of LaOtto and Archie and Lynn Zehr, both of Huntertown; her mother, Mable Zehr of Huntertown; and nine grandchildren.

A daughter, Velvet L., preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be today from 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Mildred DeArmond

WABASH — Mildred Jane DeArmond, 88, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Wabash County and worked as a receptionist for her husband, attorney Robert D. Smith, and for Dr. Black in Wabash. Her first husband, Robert D. Smith, died in 1950 and her second husband, James L. "Whitey" DeArmond died in 1999.

Surviving are three nieces, Jane Updike of Wolcottville, Barbara Welborn of North Manchester and Bernadine Miller of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be held at a later date at Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

Memorials are to Wabash Friends Church. Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service in Wabash is in charge of arrangements.

Michael McNeal Sr.

FORT WAYNE — Michael Allen McNeal Sr., 51, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, at home.

He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Darlene Sue McNeal of Germany; a son, Michael Robert Jr. of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Jeffory of Churubusco and Patrick of Indianapolis; a sister, Vickie Gerdon of Hamden, Conn.; his grandparents, Gerald and Luraine Boggs of Churubusco; and a grandchild.

Services will be held Monday at 4 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour before services.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Lester Hunt

SHELBYVILLE — Lester F. Hunt, 67, of Shelbyville, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at W.S. Major Hospital in Shelbyville.

He was a salesman for 30 years for ICI Paints in Indianapolis, retiring in 1998. A Shelbyville resident since 1965, he was a member of the American Legion and Eagles and Moose lodges in Shelbyville and served in the U.S. Army from 1956-1958. He attended St. James Lutheran Church in Greenfield.

He was born in Seymour to Virgil and Ruby (Major) Hunt. On Oct. 9, 1955, he married Opal Stockamp, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Roger K. Hunt of Shelbyville; a daughter, Karen D. Keck of Kendallville; three granddaughters, Emily and Lindsay Hunt of Shelbyville and Alison Keck of Kendallville; a brother, Raymond Hunt of Stockton, Calif.; and a sister, Phyllis Adams of Hanover.

A brother and a sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Glenn E. George and Son Funeral Home, Shelbyville, with the Rev. Jerald Mielke of St. James Lutheran Church, Greenfield, officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home.

Leona Calhoon

ORLAND — Leona M. Calhoon, 91, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Calhoon lived in Orland. She was a 55-year employee of the former Keyes Market in Orland, now known as Bunch's Shop Rite. She held various jobs over the years, including produce manager.

She attended the Orland Congregational Church.

She was born Aug. 15, 1910, in Uniontown, Ky., to Joseph and Essie (Patterson) Wathen.

She married Ottie H. Calhoon on Sept. 8, 1929, in Angola. He died June 26, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Wilma and Ralph Thomas of Orland; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A brother, James David "J.D." Wathen, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home at Fremont. The Rev. Mark Emelander will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

This obituary is being republished with additional information about survivors.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Robert G. Nichols** were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Mike Booher officiating. Burial was in Burr Oak Cemetery, Burr Oak, Mich.

Pallbearers were Jerry, Jerry Jr. and Robert Nichols, Kayme and Bradley Whetzel and Telina Esterline.

John Gamble

AUBURN — John Gamble, 55, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at 1:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Gamble was employed by Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. He lived in Auburn and was a member of the National Horseshoe Pitching League.

He was born Feb. 16, 1946, in Miamisburg, Ohio, to French and Dora (Perkins) Gamble. They preceded him in death.

He married Sue Betz on Sept. 25, 1987, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, David Gamble of Kendallville and Cory Fee of Angola; five daughters, Heather Cox of Pioneer, Ohio, Tina Kiessling of Butler, and Tammy Hawn, Jennifer Gamble and Robin Pontzius, all of Auburn; three brothers, Andy Gamble of Auburn, and Charlie Gamble and Ed Gamble, both of Houston, Texas; and five sisters, Emma Harter and Alma Frost, both of Corunna, Bertha Payton of Garrett, Carolyn High of Helmer and Eva McClellan of Florida.

One sister, Betty Payton, preceded him in death.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Jerry Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery of rural Hamilton.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Dale Hughes

HUDSON — Funeral arrangements are pending for Dale Hughes Jr., 71, who died unexpectedly Wednesday.

Hughes was president of the Steuben County Board of Commissioners. He was first elected to the board in 1984. He was in his fifth term, most recently being re-elected in 2000. He was in his 18th year as a commissioner. Prior to that, the retired dairy farmer was a member of the Prairie Heights Community Schools board of education.

Hughes was born March 25, 1931. In September 1949, he was married to his wife, Emilyn, who survives.

Hughes is survived by five children and many grandchildren.

Services are pending at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Infant Simons

FORT WAYNE — Infant Simons died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are parents Kevin Simons and Bonnie Hall of Cromwell; three brothers, Kevin and Shane Simons of Syracuse and Brian Hall of Fremont; three sisters, Melissa Hall of Woodburn, April Hall of Fort Wayne and Amber Homister at home; grandparents Eugene Hall of Cromwell, Christine Hall of Fort Wayne, Harold Allen Simons of Union City, Ohio, and Norma Gittinger of Cromwell; and great-grandparents Edward and Margaret Hall of Ligonier.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Highland Park Cemetery, 2403 E. Wallen Road. There will be no calling. D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 Dupont Road, is in charge of arrangements.

H. Marie Kaliker

FORT WAYNE — H. Marie Kaliker, 93, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at Parkview Hospital.

She was born in Allen County and retired in 1965 from Sears after 16 years. She also worked as a retail sales clerk for Wolf & Dessauer for three years.

Surviving are five daughters, Marlene Siples of Garrett, Rita Freeman of Topeka, Kan., Sr. Linda Kaliker of St. Mary of the Woods, Karen Wyss of Woodburn and Kathy Delamarter of Flower Mound, Texas; 17 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Edmund Julian, died in 1985.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4500 Fairfield Ave., with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Sunday from 4-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with a rosary service at 8:30 p.m. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to Sisters of Providence Retirement Fund or St. Patrick Food Bank and Clothes Closet.

This obituary is being reprinted to include additional information.

Charles Tackett

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Lee Tackett, 41, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at his parents' home.

He was employed at Freudenberg-NOK in Ligonier.

He was born March 5, 1960, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Walker and Linda (Miller) Tackett. On May 18, 2000, in Kendallville he married Robin Lynn Messer, and she survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his father and stepmother, Walker and Lynda Tackett of Kendallville; his mother, Linda King of Paintsville, Ky.; two daughters, Amanda Sams of LaGrange and Danielle Bolen of Paulding, Ohio; three stepdaughters, Casey Zimmerman of Kimmell, Amanda Messer of Sturgis, Mich., and Tasha Bentley of Kendallville; two stepsons, Brandon Bentley and Jeremiah Goble, both of Kendallville; and five stepgrandchildren.

Additional survivors include three sisters, Patricia Van Hoose and Anna Fay Pack, both of Paintsville, Ky., and Elizabeth Mason and her husband, Woody, of Rome City; and three brothers, Walker J. and Emmons J. Tackett, both of Richmond, Va., and James Lee Tackett of Kendallville.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at The House of Prayer on State Road 327 south of Corunna, with the Rev. Earl Tackett officiating. Calling will be after 2 p.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Hermine Meyer

GARRETT — Hermine F. Meyer, 86, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2002, in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was co-owner of Meyer Farm Equipment in Avilla from 1939-1986, and worked with her husband before that in Pierce-Arrow automobile sales and service in Avilla.

She had lived in Avilla since 1922, and moved to Garrett in 1988. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Mary's Rosary Society in Avilla, the Daughters of Isabelle, the RSVP of Auburn, Harvest House, the American Legion Post 240 Ladies Auxiliary of Avilla and the Sacred Heart Home Auxiliary. She had also been a Girl Scout leader.

Mrs. Meyer

She was born Dec. 15, 1915, in Elkhart to Herman and Helen (Carteaux) DePew. On June 16, 1936, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla she married Robert J. Meyer, and he preceded her in death in January, 1977. A son, Donald, died in 1962 and two brothers, Donald and Paul DePew, and a sister, Gwenivere Meyer, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Gerald Thomas of Monroe, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Beverly Meyer of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and five sisters, Marjorie Johnson, Dolores Mueller and Anna Hoeffel of Garrett, Connie Englert of Auburn and Josie Flesch of Ossian.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Calling will also be one hour before services at the church on Saturday. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to the church or St. Mary's Catholic School Endowment Fund.

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Merritt Hershberger

FORT WAYNE — Merritt "Hersh" Hershberger, 76, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, at home.

He was born in Fort Wayne and retired as a truck driver for Pony Express and Bingo Bugle Paper. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Geraldine A.; two daughters, Darlene Tassler and Fawn Hamrick, both of Fort Wayne; three sons, Ronald of Fort Wayne, Gary of Snow Lake and Gregory of Decatur; four brothers, Walter of Blue Lake, Kenneth of Fort Wayne, Larry of LaOtto and James of Auburn; three sisters, Carol Thurber of Punta Gorda, Fla., Shirley Daring of Fort Wayne and Emmy Reber of Bluffton; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

George Pollitt Sr.

FORT WAYNE — George A. Pollitt Sr., 85, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at home.

He retired in 1980 as a truck driver for Associated Truck Lines after 34 years. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He was born in Brooksville, Ky. His wife, Kathleen, preceded him in death in 2001.

Surviving are two sons, George A. Jr. of Merriam and Robert A. of Kentucky; a stepson, Richard Conrow of Churubusco; a stepdaughter, Kathryn J. Stevens of Fort Wayne; two half brothers, Marvin Ross of Mount Orab, Ohio, and Jim Ross of Batavia, Ohio; a half sister, Doris Keltch of Sardinia, Ohio; five grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeal Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Calling will be today from 4-7 p.m. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to Matthew 25 Clinic or a charity of the donor's choice.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Wayne Buckland** were held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Kevin and Butch Slaght, Frank and Charles Walkup, Joe Sobasky and West Wert.

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Mary Fetter

GARRETT — Mary Frances Fetter, 89, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at 11:20 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Miss Fetter worked for the City of Garrett Municipal Utilities for 20 years and was a lifetime resident of Garrett. She worked as a secretary and registrar for Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, and then at St. Joseph School of Nursing in Fort Wayne for 22 years, retiring Sept. 10, 1980.

Miss Fetter

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and its Rosary Society, Harvest House and Daughters of Isabella. She was a member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and Provena Sacred Heart Home Auxiliary in Avilla.

She was born Sept. 2, 1912, in Garrett to John J. and Mary B. (Foulk) Fetter.

Surviving are a brother, Floyd A. Fetter of Garrett, several nieces and several nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Edward "Pedro" Fetter, and four sisters, Coletta Wyss, Catharine "Katie" Fetter, Sister Anna Rita Fetter, O.S.F., and Bernadine Fetter.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and Monday from 10:30-11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will be conducted Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Joseph Catholic School Tuition Assistance Fund.

Condolences may be sent to thomas@skyenet.net.

Robert Lochamire

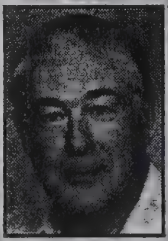
HUDSON — Robert E. Lochamire, 64, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at his home in rural Hudson.

Mr. Lochamire was a farmer and a member of Helmer United Methodist Church and the Helmer Volunteer Fire Department.

He also was a veteran of the U.S. Marines.

Mr. Lochamire was born Aug. 17, 1937, in Hudson to Harold and Glida (Greenwood) Lochamire.

He married Roberta J. Shaffer on July 9, 1960, in Helmer. She survives.



Mr. Lochamire

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Cyndi Lochamire of rural Hudson, and Ken and Ingrid Lochamire of rural LaGrange; one daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Pat Fox of Rome City; one brother, Ronnie Lochamire of rural Hudson; and 10 grandchildren, Lauren, Logan, Lydia and Lance Lochamire, Kelsey and Camden Fox, Cody and Jamison Shaffer, and Seth and Chase Lochamire.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Phyllis Jacobs and Norma Lee Synder.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Helmer United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main, Hudson, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the Helmer Volunteer Fire Department.

Dale Middleton

ALBION — Dale A. Middleton, 67, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at his home in Sebring, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Services Held

CORUNNA — Services for **Charles Lee Tackett** were held Friday at 11 a.m. at the House of Prayer, in Corunna with the Rev. Earl Tackett officiating. Burial was in Corunna Cemetery in Corunna.

Pallbearers were Shelton Tackett, James Tackett, Emmons Tackett, Walker Tackett Jr., Woody Mason and Brandon Bentley.

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Norman Davis

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Norman G. Davis, 79, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at his Knoxville home.

He was the former owner and publisher of the Ligonier Leader and was a retired graphic artist, working for the Detroit Times, Hamtramick Citizen and Kendallville News-Sun. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps, attaining the rank of captain. He was a member of West Park Baptist church.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Davis; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lynda and Rex Burkholder, and Pam and Masoud Panjehpour; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Claudia Davis; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 7:30 p.m. in West Park Baptist Church, with calling after 5:30 p.m. The Rev. Jack Underwood will officiate.

Burial will be Tuesday at noon, with the family and friends meeting at the church at 11:15 a.m. to proceed to Tennessee Veteran Cemetery. The East Tennessee Veteran Honor Guard will provide military honors.

Mynatt Funeral Home, 2829 Rennoc Road, Knoxville, TN, 37918, is in charge of arrangements.

Marjorie Haflich

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie M. Reidenbach Haflich, 79, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, in Fort Wayne.

She retired in 1977 from General Electric Co. with 35 years of service. She was a member of the G.E. Quarter Century Club and South Wayne Baptist Church.

Mrs. Haflich was born July 18, 1922, in Wawaka.

She married Wendell D. Haflich, and he died June 8, 1999.

Surviving are one daughter, Carol D. Castleman of Ossian; two sisters, Doris Grayless of Albion and Maxine Sites of Ashland, Ohio; and one grandson, Terry Castleman of New Haven.

One granddaughter, Michelle Renee Castleman, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Heart Association or the church.

Annabelle Kidd

LIGONIER — Annabelle Kunz Kidd, 81, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002, at Kingston of Ligonier.

She was an antique dealer and owned the Mad Hatter Antique Store in Ligonier. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Pi Beta Phi sorority. She earned a bachelor's degree in social science and Spanish from Millikin University in 1942.

Mrs. Kidd

She was born July 12, 1920, in Decatur, Ill., to Charles W. and Ethel Fay (Birks) Kunz. On March 20, 1942, in Decatur, she married Robert W. Kidd, and he survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are three sons, Charles W. and Christopher S. Kidd, both of Ligonier, and John R. Kidd of Las Vegas; three daughters, Deborah A. Knepp of Ligonier, Julia B. Fenner of Naperville, Ill., and Jan M. Boeglin of Bonita Springs, Fla.; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Janet Tubussek, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Ligonier United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jim Farrer officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Saltshaker United Methodist Church or the American Lung Association for C.O.P.D. research. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Irene Reid

LIGONIER — Irene H. Reid, 85, of Ligonier, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002, in Port Charlotte, Fla., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She was born May 29, 1916, in LaGrange. Survivors include a son, Paul A. Reid, and two daughters, Dixie L. Madden and Peggy J. Norton.

Services are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Visit www.ulreyrennerfuneralhome.com for developing informa-

Vernon Riedel

TOPEKA — Vernon Garde Riedel, 73, of Topeka, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002, at home.

A lifelong Topeka resident, he had retired from Tite-Lock in Topeka. He grew up on the family farm near Topeka and attended Honeywell School. He was a member of the Topeka Mennonite Church and enjoyed motorcycles, automobiles and airplanes.

He was born Oct. 7, 1928, in Noble County to Emil Walter and Lela Nadine (Murphy) Riedel. On Dec. 7, 1951, in the Topeka Mennonite Church parsonage, he married Betty Lou Fought. His wife, to whom he was married for 50 years, survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Randy Ray, James Edward and Kenneth Eugene Riedel, all of Topeka, and Gregory Allen Sr. and Tammy Riedel of LaGrange; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Vickie Mae and Dean Graham of Centreville, Mich., Deborah Kay Riedel of Topeka and Teresa Nadine and Ronnie Hicks of Wawaka; five grandchildren, Gregory Allen Jr. and Cassidy Faith Riedel and Samantha Joleen, Rebecca Sue and Jesse James Hicks; two stepgrandchilden, Timothy Harlow and Matthew Hicks; and a great-grandchild, Christian Lewis Knox.

Additional survivors include a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth Maxine and Richard Dubbs of Goshen.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. John Hockman officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 109 E. Central Ave., Suite 2, LaGrange, IN 46761.

Chloris Rupert

FORT WAYNE — Chloris L. Rupert, 73, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at Parkview Hospital.

She was born in South Whitley and worked at Blue Bell, the Plaza Laundry and later at the Eagles Lodge as a cook.

Surviving are her husband, Keith A.; a daughter, Vivian Hicks of Greeley, Colo.; a son, Danny R. of Albion; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling will be today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@demoneygrimes.com.

Mary Elizabeth Dearduff

HARTFORD CITY — Mary Elizabeth Dearduff, 91, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at Blackford County Hospital.

She was a homemaker and had retired from Montgomery Ward in Hartford City.

She was born in Dunkirk and married Howard D. Dearduff, who preceded her in death in 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie K. Mills of Hartford City; three sisters, Betty Curtis of Bradenton, Fla., Reva Codling of Big Turkey Lake in Stroh and Valarie Miskell of Jay, Fla.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Keplinger Funeral Home in Hartford City, with calling two hours before services. Calling will also be today from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Muncie.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Harvey Baker

KENDALLVILLE — Harvey C. Baker, 81, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran rom 1941-1945 and an auto mechanic for Hilkert & Pankop Dodge and Schmuck Garage in Kendallville. He was a member of he American Legion, VFW and Elks Lodge, all in Kendallville.

He was born Jan. 19, 1921, in Stanton, Ky., to Roscoe and Rosa Smith) Baker. He married Jessie Magill on Oct. 23, 1941, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 16, 1933. He married his second wife, Marie Coburn, on March 19, 1979, n Kendallville, and she survives here.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Dave Smith of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, William and Geanie Baker of Chicago and Edward and Pam Baker of Rome City; two stepsons and their wives, Denver and Linda Sparkman of Albion and Roger and Connie Sparkman of Kendallville; a stepdaughter and her husband, Marina and Grayson Handshoe of Avilla; hree sisters and two brothers-in-aw, Bertha Strayer, Mabel and Virgil Whitford and Marty and Al Pyle, all of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Evelyn Buchannan, died in 1979 and two brothers, Paul and Bobbie Baker, are also deceased.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Denver Sparkman of True Church of God n Jesus' Name, Lisbon, officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Dale Middleton

ALBION — Dale A. Middleton, 68, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at his home in Sebring, Fla.

He was an engineer for the Indiana State Highway Department for 30 years and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post 240 in Albion, VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville, the Elks Lodge 1447 of Garrett and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles 2455 in Albion.

He was born Feb. 19, 1933, in Topeka to Harley and Kathryn (Ganger) Middleton. On July 7, 1984, in Garrett he married Ilene Bordner, and she survives in Albion.

Also surviving are his mother, of Auburn; two sons, Don Middleton of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Brad Middleton of Auburn; two daughters, Norma Bergdahl of Fort Wayne and Belinda Goodrich of Indianapolis; 22 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Duane Middleton of Oklahoma; and two sisters, Peggy Hartman of Rochester and Judy Mote of Garrett.

A brother, Jerry, preceded him in death in 1978.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with military rites by American Legion Post 240 in Albion and VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Albion American Legion Post 240.

Steven Kastner

LAGRANGE — Steven E. Kastner, 53, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at 10:56 p.m. in his rural LaGrange home.

Mr. Kastner was an attorney who practiced in DeKalb and Allen counties and Fort Myers Beach, Fla. He lived most of his live in northeastern Indiana.

He was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Indiana University School of Law and a former deputy prosecuting attorney for Allen County. He was a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the bar associations in Indiana and Florida.

He was an avid motorcyclist and member of the American Motorcycle Association.

Mr. Kastner was born May 2, 1948, in Garrett to Donald E. and Alice Jean (Arehart) Kastner. His mother survives in New Port Richey, Fla., and his father preceded him in death.

Also surviving are two brothers, Craig Kastner of Pleasant Lake and David Kastner of New Port Richey; and a friend, Debra S. Lambright of LaGrange.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with calling after noon. The Rev. Paul Faroh will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice of LaGrange.

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Rebecca McBride

LIGONIER — Rebecca Ann McBride, 57, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, at her home.

She moved to Ligonier from Mansfield, Ohio, in September and was a bus driver for the Mansfield school system. She was a member of AmVets Auxiliary and Women of the Moose in Mansfield. She enjoyed driving trips to Lake Erie and the water while at the lake.

She was born March 12, 1944, in North Carolina to Robert E. and Patricia Jean (Brothers) Bixler. She married Louis McBride, and he preceded her in death in 1989.

Surviving are two daughters, Annette Sue Andrews of New Paris and Rosa J. Weist of Ligonier; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert L. and Nancy Bixler of Chesterfield, Ohio; her father, of Eureka, Mont.; and four grandchildren, Jacklynn Elizabeth, Michael Joseph and Rikkie Nicole Andrews and Taylor M. Silvers.

Burial and a gathering of friends will be held at a later date in Mansfield, Ohio. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Ella Graham

FORT WAYNE — Mary Ella Graham, 73, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital.

Born in Roll, she was a cook for Fort Wayne schools for over 20 years.

Surviving are her husband, James D. Sr.; four sons, James D. Jr. and Steven J. Graham, both of Fort Wayne, Albert Lee Beeks of Jonesboro and William E. Graham of Indianapolis; a daughter, Paula Marie Witte of Hudson; a sister, Barbara King of Montpelier; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A son, Patrick, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at noon at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling two hours before services. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Perry Lambright

SARASOTA, Fla. — Perry J. "Pete" Lambright, 71, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, Fla.

He retired in 1997 after 20 years as a field representative with Milk Marketing in Goshen. He worked as a farmer prior to that time and was a member of Nappanee Missionary Church.

He was born Jan. 14, 1931, in LaGrange County, to Jacob A. and Alma (Gingerich) Lambright. On March 8, 1951, in Goshen, he married Jewel Ann Stutzman, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Linda Lambright of Des Plaines, Ill., Pamela Hostetler of Millersburg and Elaine 'Ann' Lambright of Topeka; a son and daughter-in-law, Craig Lynn and Tammy Lambright of Charleston, S.C.; seven grandchildren; four sisters and their husbands, Edna and John Eash of Topeka, Mable and Levi Beechy of Kenton, Ohio, Mary and Lester Miller of Middlebury and Irene and Robert Slabaugh of Lott, Texas; and two brothers, Freeman "Fritz" Lambright of Elkhart and Leroy Lambright of Easley, S.C.

A sister, Viola Mae, and three brothers, Amos R., Floyd "Curley" and Elmer D. Lambright, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Nappanee Missionary Church, with the Rev. David Engbrecht officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen, and one hour before services at the church on Friday. Burial will be in Hepton Union Cemetery, Nappanee.

Memorials are to the church.

John Eckert

LAGRANGE — John R. Eckert, 51, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He was a group leader and shipping supervisor for Ventline Industries in Bristol. He was a member of Mount Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

He was born April 4, 1950, in Sturgis, Mich., to Robert and Louise (Pettis) Eckert. On July 2, 1977, in LaGrange, he married Carol G. Lamont, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are his mother, of Sturgis; two daughters, Julie and Tracey Eckert, both of LaGrange; two sons, John Jr. and Jim Eckert, both of LaGrange; and a brother, David Eckert of Sturgis.

A son preceded him in death in 1979.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Mount Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange, with the Rev. Stephen Flynn officiating. Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

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Isom Tuttle

GARRETT, Ky. — Isom Tuttle, 61, of Garrett, Ky., died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City.

He was born March 22, 1940, in Knott County, Ky., to Jay and Delzy (Chaffins) Tuttle.

Surviving are his wife, Juanita (Collins) Tuttle; three sons, Micheal Tuttle of Ashley and Jeffery and Jamie Tuttle, both of Garrett, Ky.; two daughters, Shirley Faye Moore of Garrett, Ky., and Angela Rena Ousley of Prestonburg, Ky.; four brothers, Billy Ray and Harvey Tuttle, both of Hudson, Marvin Tuttle of Stroh and Rodney Tuttle of Garrett, Ky.; five sisters, Edna Mae Tuttle of LaGrange, Nadine Powers of Howell, Barbara Ann Slone of Rome City, Cindy McNickle of Stroh and Ruby Jean Newsome of Grethel, Ky.; six grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

A sister, Irene Moore, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, Ky., with Bethel and Sterlin Bolen, Willie Collins and Billy Ray Tuttle officiating. Calling will be today after 5 p.m. at e funeral Home. Burial will be in e Tuttle Family Cemetery, arrett, Ky.

rene Reid

LIGONIER — Irene H. Reid, 5, of Ligonier, died Sunday, Feb. 0, 2002, in Port Charlotte, Fla., om injuries sustained in an auto-obile accident. She was born May 9, 1916, in LaGrange. Survivors clude a son, Paul A. Reid, and vo daughters, Dixie L. Madden nd Peggy J. Norton.

Services are pending at Ulrey-enner Funeral Home in Ligonier. sit www.ulreyrennerfuneral-me.com for developing informa-on.

Dr. Charles Barrett

OWENSVILLE — Dr. Charles L. Barrett of Owensville died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at Gibson General Hospital in Princeton.

He retired from the Indiana State Department of Health in Indianapolis and was owner of the Southwind Dulcimer Shop in Evansville. He was an elder at the Christian Church Disciples of Christ and a U.S. Navy veteran.

He graduated from Owensville High School and earned bachelor's and medical degrees at Indiana University. He also completed a master's degree in public health at the University of Alabama — Birmingham.

Dr. Barrett

Surviving are his wife, Kendallville native Marilyn (Mapes) Barrett, of Owensville; a daughter and son-in-law, Eileen and Douglas Gorrell of Xenia, Ill.; a son, John of Owensville; his mother, Mary Jean Barrett of Owensville; and two grandchildren, Jennifer and Joy Gorrell.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m. at White Church Cemetery in Princeton, with a memorial service following at 11 a.m. at the Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Owensville. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Arthur Franklin Mapes Scholarship Fund or the American Heart Association. Holder Funeral Home in Owensville is in charge of arrangements.

Lester Gaff

ROME CITY — Lester W. Gaff, 55, of Rome City died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at DePaul Medical Center in Bridgeton, Mo.

He was a truck driver for F.E. Trucking Company for 19 years, and served in the U.S. Army from 1965-1968. He was a member of Rome City American Legion Post 381.

He was born May 23, 1946, in Sturgis, Mich., to Ernest W. and Emma Jane (Miller) Gaff. On Sept. 25, 1971, at Big Lake he married Cynthia Halferty, and his wife survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are his parents, of Columbia City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Clayton and Denise Gaff of Kendallville and Jeremy and Tammy Gaff of Waterloo; four brothers, Harold E. Gaff of Fort Wayne and Everett A., James A. and Ernest L. Gaff, all of Columbia City; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Kim Gaff, preceded him in death in 1958.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Chris Mosley officiating. Military rites will be performed by Rome City American Legion Post 381. Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. and two hours before services Friday.

Memorials are to the organization of the donor's choice.

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Johnny Jacobs

LIGONIER — Johnny Jacobs, 39, of Ligonier, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, in a drowning accident in Ligonier.

He was a factory worker and had formerly lived in Knott County, Ky.

He was born Aug. 21, 1962, in Hazard, Ky., to Frank and Lida (Slone) Jacobs.

Surviving are his mother, Lida Slone Jacobs Hall of Topmost, Ky.; a son, Cody Jacobs of Ligonier; 10 sisters, Shirley Brewer of Cromwell, Linda Arispe of North Webster, Glenda Slone of Raven, Ky., Sonya Slone of Prestonsburg, Ky., Helen Jacobs of Wawaka, Jean Hall and Ann Glaser, both of Topmost, Ky., Jacklean Kipp of North Carolina and Cathy Barhydt and Brenda Ritchie, both of Ligonier; and three brothers, Devert Jacobs of Ligonier, Frankie Jacobs of Pippa Passes, Ky., and Michael Jacobs of Oklahoma.

Services will be held Thursday at noon at Providence Old Regular Baptist Church in Topmost, Ky., with the Ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating. Calling is today at the church. Burial will be in Jimmy Slone Cemetery, Pippa Passes, Ky.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of local arrangements.

James Keasey

NORFOLK, Va. — James Philip Keasey, 57, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, in Norfolk, Va.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, retiring after 21 years. He last served as a quality assurance officer aboard the USS Yellowstone at Little Creek Amphibious Base from 1984-1986.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Marty and Dave Sears of North Carolina and Mary and Michael Storrars of LaGrange; four children, Vickie Muth and her husband, Mark, Delbert Keasey, Joseph Keasey and his wife, Vicki, and Nina Keasey, all of Virginia Beach; a grandson, Matthew, of Pennsylvania; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Private memorial services will be held. Memorials are to the Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters, 601 Children's Lane, Norfolk, VA 23507.

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Dale A. Middleton, 68

ALBION – Dale A. Middleton, 68, died at his home in Sebring Florida on Friday, February 8, 2002.

He was born in Topeka on February 8, 2002 to Harley and Kathryn (Ganger) Middleton. His mother survives. He was an Engineer for the Indiana State Highway Dept. for 30 years and was a lifetime resident of the Albion community. He was a Korean War Veteran having served in the United States Air Force, American Legion Post #240 in Albion, VFW Post #2749 of Kendallville, Elks #1447 of Garrett and the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2455 in Albion.

On July 7, 1984 in Garrett he married Ilene (Bordner) Middleton, she survives in Albion.

Surviving are two sons, Don Middleton of Colorado Springs, CO; Col. Brad Middleton of Auburn; two daughters, Norma Bergdahl of Ft. Wayne; Belinda Goodrich of Indianapolis; one brother, Duane Middleton of Oklahoma; two sisters, Peggy Hartman of Rochester and Judy Mote of Garrett. He was preceded in death by his father, Harley Middleton and one brother Jerry Middleton in 1978.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating.

Visitation will be on Feb. 13, 2002 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, with Military Graveside Services by American Legion Post #240 and VFW.#2749, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to American Legion Post #240 of Albion.

George Pollitt Sr.

FORT WAYNE – George A. Pollitt, Sr., 85, died Thursday, February 7, 2002, at home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Brooksville, KY, he was a truck driver with Associated Truck Lines for 34 years and retired in 1980. He was a member of American Legion Post 47 and was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are two sons, George A. Pollitt, Jr. of Merriam and Robert A. Pollitt of Kentucky; a stepson, Richard Conrow of Churubusco; a stepdaughter, Kathryn J. Stevens of Fort Wayne; two half-brothers, Marvin Ross of Mt. Orab, OH and Jim Ross of Batavia, OH; half-sister, Doris Keltch of Sardenia, OH; five grandchildren; six step-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen in 2001.

Services were Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials to Matthew 25 Clinic or Donor's Choice.

Lester W. Gaff, 55

ROME CITY - Lester W. Gaff, age 55 of Rome City, died Monday, February 11, 2002 at DePaul Medical Center in Bridgeton, Missouri.

He was born on May 23, 1946 in Sturgis Michigan to Ernest W. Gaff and Emma Jane Miller Gaff.

He married Cynthia Halferty Gaff on September 25, 1971 in Big Lake, she survives.

He was a trucker with F. E. Trucking Company for 19 years. He served in the US Army from 1965 until 1968. He was a member of Rome City American Legion Post #381.

He is survived by his wife Cindy Gaff; his parents, Ernest and Emma Gaff of Columbia City; two sons, Clayton and his wife Denise Gaff of Kendallville; Jeremy and his wife Tammy Gaff of Waterloo; four brothers, Harold E. Gaff of Ft. Wayne; Everett A. Gaff of Columbia City; James A. Gaff of Columbia City; Ernest L. Gaff of Columbia City; two grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kim Gaff in 1958.

Services are Friday, February 15, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home in Albion with Pastor Chris Mosley officiating. Military rites provided by Rome City American Legion.

Visitation is Thursday, February 14, 2002 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. until services on Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Albion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the organization of the donor's choice.

Irene Reid

LIGONIER — Irene H. Reid, 85, of Ligonier, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002, at Fawcett Memorial Hospital, Port Charlotte, Fla., of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was a lifetime Ligonier area resident, a homemaker and a bookkeeper for Reid's Auto Parts, which she owned with her husband in Ligonier. She had also worked for the office of Dr. Schutt in Ligonier.

She was known as a "workaholic," and enjoyed traveling and spending winters in Port Charlotte for the past 24 years.

Mrs. Reid

She was born May 29, 1916, in LaGrange, to Marvin E. and Clara E. "Dot" (Herron) Shultz. On April 21, 1935, in Kendallville, she married Chester A. Reid, and he preceded her in death Feb. 8, 2001. A brother, Russell W. Shultz, is also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul A. and Clarene Reid of Ligonier; two daughters and a son-in-law, Dixie L. and Jack Madden of San Diego and Peggy J. Norton of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister, Lucille E. Forker of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Dale J. and Linda Shultz of Albion; and five grandchildren and their spouses, Suzanne and Fred Campbell and Stephen Reid, all of Ligonier, Regina and Tim Yagel of Columbia City, Candace and Keith Thierjung of Grabill, and Heidi and Neil Whitney of Fredericksburg, Va.; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Hubert Harriman officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Alzheimers Association or the Ligonier Evangelical Church.

Regina Bair

CHURUBUSCO — Regina M. Bair, 79, of Churubusco, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, at home.

She worked as a clerk at the former Bang's Dime Store in Churubusco for 20 years, retiring in 1973. She was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, its Rosary Sodality, the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary in Churubusco and the Churubusco VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Jan. 26, 1923, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Lewis W. and Edna C. (Grouleff) Scattergood. On June 21, 1941, in Merriam, she married Paul Bair Sr., and he survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gordon J. Wierschke of rural Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul "Butch" Bair Jr. of Lake Wales, Fla., and Max E. and Linda Bair of rural LaOtto; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Monsignor Danney Pinto officiating. Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with a rosary recitation at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to masses or the Columbia City Miller's Merry Manor activities department. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Allen Stevens

KENDALLVILLE — Allen Stevens, 36, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He had worked for Advanced Thermal Technologies in Kendallville.

He was born March 1, 1965, in Grantsville, W.Va., to Adron and Ethel (Szaller) Stevens. He married Sonia Kay Patrick on March 26, 1998, in Albion, and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four daughters, Tiffanie and Emily Ritchie and Lora and April Stevens, all at home; two sisters, Mary Phillips of Kendallville and Eula Click of Morganton, N.C.; a brother, Adron Stevens of Morganton, N.C.; a nephew, Junior Phillips; a niece, Missy Phillips; and his mother-in-law, Cora Ritchie of Avilla.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at True Church of God in Jesus Name in Lisbon with the Rev. Ralph Brewster of War, W.Va., officiating. Calling will be Friday after 2 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Harvey C. Baker** were held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Denver Sparkman officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Pallbearers were Larry and Brandon Baker, Grayson and Derek Handshoe and Larry and Jason Buchanan.

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Rachel McNeal

ALBION — Rachel L. McNeal, 88, of Albion, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

She retired in 1975 from Monsanto Corp. and had also worked at Lucky Hospital in Wolf Lake. She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

Mrs. McNeal

She was born Aug. 18, 1913, in Noble County, to Thomas E. and Florence E. (Ott) Schlotterback. On March 4, 1935, in Topeka, she maried Ralph McNeal, and he preceded her in death in 1952. Two brothers, Ira and Daniel Schlotterback, and a sister, Sarah Truelove, are also deceased.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Violet McNeal of Albion and Ronnie and Muriel McNeal of Churubusco; two brothers, Harry Schlotterback of Fort Wayne and Franklin Schlotterback of Albion; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. and two hours before services Saturday. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons and great-grandsons, Jared and Wade Owen, Justin and Kyle Snyder and Craig, Victor and Nathanial McNeal. Memorials are to Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

Beverly Treece

BRISTOL — Beverly Jean Treece, 67, of Bristol, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend.

She was a lifelong LaGrange and Elkhart County area resident and a member of Stone Lake Church of God in Middlebury.

Mrs. Treece

She was born June 9, 1934, in LaGrange, to Robert R. and Evelyn V. (Plank) Smith. On Sept. 11, 1950, in Shipshewana, she married Edward Treece, and he preceded her in death Dec. 26, 1973. A sister, Doris E. Burleson, died Saturday, and a brother, Richard W. Smith, is also deceased.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Trudy and Tommy Norment and Lisa Crocket, all of Middlebury, Peggy and Randy Binkley of Bristol and Kim and Richard Fleming of Gainesville, Mo.; a son, Franklin W. Treece of Elkhart; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a brother, William R. Smith of Shipshewana.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury, with the Rev. David Garty of Living Stone Christian Fellowship officiating. Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bristol.

Memorials are to Diabetes Dialysis of Elkhart.

Evelyn Gilman

LAGRANGE — Evelyn M. Gilman, 74, of LaGrange, died at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, in Millers Merry Manor, LaGrange.

On Jan. 19, 1928, in Gibsonburg, Ohio, she was born to Victor and Rosa (Hoefer) Peterson. She married Paul E. Gilman on June 17, 1950, in Cleveland, Ohio. He survives.

She was a retired school teacher from the Lakeland School Corp. where she taught from 1964 to 1988. She moved to LaGrange from Bourbon in 1964.

Mrs. Gilman was a member of the Rebecca Circle of the Church, Delta Kappa Gamma, College Club and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl and Danny Koester of Elkhart and Monica and Mark Lazar of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Geoffrey and Carla Gilman of Wilmette, Ill., two brothers, Marvin Peterson of Lebanon, and Wendell Peterson of Salem, S.C.; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, with the Revs. James Hook and Dexter Garman officiating.

Calling is 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to the Missions Committee of the First United Methodist Church, LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Inez Negrete

LAGRANGE — Inez Negrete, 64, of LaGrange, died at 6:05 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, at her residence.

In Haleyville, Ala., on March 15, 1937, she was born to Albert Roy and Savannah Marie (Price) Burnett. She married Juan Q. Negrete on Sept. 17, 1958, in White Pigeon, Mich.

She worked in housekeeping at Miller Merry Manor nursing home in LaGrange.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Peter Q. and Carol Negrete of Elkhart; seven daughters, Linda and Clarence Eells of Mottville, Mich., Carolyn and Roger Miller of Howe, Kathy and Terry Paulus of LaGrange, Inez and Monte Dafforn of Wolcottville, Virginia Negrete of White Pigeon, Mich., Maria and Kirk Wickey of Middlebury and Juanita and Mike Bechtol of Fremont; two brothers, Lee Burnett of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Cecil Burnett of Cordova, Ala.; a sister, Marie Burnett of New York; 16 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Her parents; husband; a son, Frank; a daughter, Paula; two brothers, Carl and Otho Burnett, and a sister, Anna Mae Burnett, preceded her in death.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial is at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Konnie Bowden

NAPLES, FLA. — Konnie K. Bowden, 82, of Naples, Fla., formerly of LaGrange, died of heart failure Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at HCR Manor Care, Naples, Fla.

On Sept. 12, 1919, she was born in Lima, Ohio. She married John Bowden, who preceded her in death.

She was a chef in several country clubs in Indiana which her husband managed, and a member of the Church of God in Naples.

Surviving are three daughters, Margaret Jarrett of Lakeland, Fla., and Marcia Bowser and Alice Wood, both of Naples; four sons, John Sid Bowden of Lake Worth, Fla., George Bowden of Cedar Hill, Texas, Mark Bowden of Highland Village, Texas, and Morgan Bowden of Roco Grande, Fla.; two brothers, Jon Ananias of Albion and Bill Ananias of Spokane, Wash.; three sisters, Angela Ananias of Fort Wayne, Mary Taggart of Kendallville, and Alexandria Kales of Elgin, Ill; 16 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lakeland Funeral Home, Naples, Fla., with calling from 10 to 11 a.m. the same day.

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Christopher Tittle

ASHLEY — Christopher Michael Tittle, 29, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, in a highway crash on Interstate 69 north of Ashley.

Mr. Tittle

Mr. Tittle was a construction worker and lived in Ashley. He was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church. He enjoyed basketball, art and drawing, native and Indian ways, and fishing with his children.

He was born Aug. 29, 1972, in Auburn.

Surviving are his father, Michael L. Tittle of Auburn; his mother, Joyce A. Swihart of Butler; three children, Galven Tittle and Maia Tittle, both of Garrett, and Zack Tittle of Helmer; one sister, Jennifer Tittle of Auburn; his ex-wife, Stacy Steiman of Garrett; and his maternal grandparents, William and Francis Hjelm of Garrett.

His paternal grandparents preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling there after 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a scholarship fund for his children.

Bernice Brandenburg

KENDALLVILLE — Bernice F. Brandenburg, 77, of Zephyllis, Fla., died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, at Zephr Haven Rehab, Zephyllis, Fla.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Paul Healey

KENDALLVILLE — Paul A. Healey, 57, died at 11:49 a.m. Thursday, Feb.14, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

On April 10, 1944, in Stroh, he was born to Milo D. and Evelyn (Zook) Healey.

He worked as a truck driver, and had been employed at the former Kendallville Foundry.

Surviving are a daughter, Paula Prater of Decatur; a brother, Milo Healey of Stroh; a sister, Linda Moore of Stroh; and three grandchildren.

A brother and a sister preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Mount Pisgah Cemetery, rural LaGrange County, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral, Kendallville.

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Bernice Brandenburg

KENDALLVILLE — Bernice E. Brandenburg, 77, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, at Zephyr Haven Rehab in Zephyrhills, Fla.

She had worked at Cooper Tire in Auburn and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and the American Legion Post 240 Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Brandenburg was born March 10, 1924, to William C. and Margaret (McGrath) Voors. She married Nova (Brandy) Brandenburg on May 1, 1942, in Fort Wayne. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters, Janet McGuire of Kendallville and Karen Pequinot of Fort Wayne; one brother, Carl Voors of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Thelma Wolf of St. Clairsville, Ohio, and Delores Mumper of New Haven; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Brandenburg was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Daniel Brandenburg; four brothers, Ray Voors, Clem Voors, Harold Voors and Lawernce Voors; and one sister, Margaret Freiburger.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Visitation will also be held at the church on Monday, one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Preferred memorials are to Masses at St. Mary's.

Mary Carpenter

ASHLEY — Mary F. Carpenter, 81, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Carpenter had owned and operated the Mar-Jon Beauty Salon in Ashley since 1958. She lived in Ashley and was a worthy matron of the Ashley chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

She was born Aug. 25, 1920, in Mitchell to Lawrence and Agnes (Tow) Greer.

She married John W. Carpenter on Oct. 18, 1941, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Lawrence and Kathleen Carpenter of Ashley, Gary "Gig" Carpenter of Ashley, and Philip and Marilyn Carpenter of Auburn; three brothers, Gerald Greer and Robert Greer, both of Mitchell, and George Greer of Indianapolis; three sisters, Jean Horine of Springfield, Mo., Betty Conner of Bedford and Dorothy Richard of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Charles Greer, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Bob Neace officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Wilma Garmire

FORT WAYNE — Wilma J. Garmire, 95, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

She was born on July 17, 1906, to James L. and Catherine M. (Hallett) Machan.

She married Willard A. Garmire on Aug. 11, 1927, in LaGrange County.

Mrs. Garmire

Mrs. Garmire lived all her life between Fort Wayne and LaGrange County. She had been a school teacher in Fort Wayne and Allen County schools. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, Sylvan Chapter 251 OES of LaGrange, LaGrange de LaFayette Chapter DAR and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

Mrs. Garmire is survived by her husband and one son, James B. Garmire of New Haven. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church.

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His paternal grandparents preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling there after 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a scholarship fund for his children.

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Levanche Kugler

KENDALLVILLE — Levanche M. Kugler, 85, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at 3:15 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Kugler

Formerly of Wolcottville, Mrs. Kugler was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church, as well as the Ladies Guild at the church. She had worked at Brand's Restaurant in Corunna, and more recently had been employed at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallville on May 27, 1916, to Irvin and Emma (Hissong) Bair.

She married Wayne Kugler in Avilla on Oct. 26, 1936. He died in 1982.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Hubert and Eleanor Kugler, Robert and Shirley Kugler and Francis and Nancy Kugler, all of Hudson; one brother, Arthur Bair of Upland; three sisters, Pauline Erdley of Wolf Lake, Katherine Brazell of Ligonier and Alice Myhnier of Goshen; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

One son, Donald, and one brother, Howard, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Mike Tatman officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Arvada Miller

HOWE — Arvada L. Miller, 74, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at 6:27 a.m. in her residence.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker in rural Howe. She was born in Sturgis, Mich., on Oct. 10, 1927, to Vilas and Leona (Overhalser) Klopfenstein.

She married Amos Miller on Feb. 8, 1947, and he died in 1986.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in law, Sue Jones of South Bend and Mary and William Warble of Howe; three sons and two daughters-in-law, LeRoy Miller of Texas, and Ray and Luann Miller and Roger and Carolyn Miller, all of Howe; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Chris Denney officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Church of God or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Donald Morse

ANGOLA — Donald F. Morse, 77, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, in his home in Angola.

Mr. Morse owned Morse Heating & Air Conditioning in Angola for 25 years before retiring in 1982.

He was a World War II Army Air Force veteran and was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31.

He was born in Scott Township in Steuben County on May 18, 1924, to Weir and Fern (Cole) Morse.

He married Maxine (Pressly) Morse in Angola on Dec. 12, 1948. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles Morse of Angola and Thomas Morse of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Helen Hilton of Angola and Margaret Berger of South Bend; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Pastor James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery with military graveside services by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

elyn Northup

IOWE — Evelyn Z. Northup, 82,
Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, in
er's Merry Manor nursing home
aGrange, following a short illness.
Ars. Northup had been a
range County resident since
7. She was a homemaker and
nber of the Church of the True
in South Milford. She enjoyed
king, crocheting and gardening.
he was born April 3, 1919, in
ding County, Ohio, to S.D. and
cy (Wilson) Wilder.
he married Garold E. Northup
Jov. 23, 1937, in LaGrange. He
May 8, 1984.
he married Ralph Walburn on
19, 1999, and he survives.
Also surviving are two daughters
sons-in-law, Jean and Keith
tz and Joyce and Allan Lowe, all
owe; one son and daughter-in-
David and Jean Northup of
e; a daughter-in-law, Patricia
hup of Orland; one brother and
r-in-law, Sam and Kathryn
ler of Hudson; two sisters and
brother-in-law, Vera Menke of
Wayne, and Kathryn and
nan Craven of Columbia, Ohio;
stepdaughter, Pat Collins of
range; two stepsons and a
se, Jim and Evelyn Walburn of
mazoo, Mich., and Tom
burn of Dublin, Ga.; nine grand-
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-grandchildren, and eight step-
-grandchildren and several
es and nephews.
he was preceded in death by one
Paul Northup; four brothers, Jay
er, Carl Wilder, Robert Wilder
Donald Wilder; and two sisters,
a Goudy and Audry Ryan.
ervices will be held Wednesday
a.m. in the Church of the True
in South Milford. The Rev. Sam
yer will officiate. A graveside
nittal service will follow in East
ngfield Cemetery, LaGrange.
alling is today after 6 p.m. and
day from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. in
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S. Nottawa St., [illegible]
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John Edwards

FORT WAYNE — John B. Edwards, 70, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at Parkview Hospital.

A 1949 graduate of Kendallville High School, he worked for International Harvester, retiring in 1983. He was the owner and operator of John Edwards Hauling. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War for two years and was a member of VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville, American Legion Post 246 in Albion and F.O.E. 985 in Kendallville. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He was born March 19, 1931, to Burl and Glendora (Wiedman) Edwards. On Dec. 4, 1954, he married Daisy Owen, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Joy Edwards of Napoleon, Ohio, Mark and Holly Edwards of Avilla and Doug and Becky Edwards of Churubusco; two daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Randy Krafft of Spencerville and Joyce and Wayne Jester of Mooreland; two brothers, Robert Edwards of Columbia City and Gean Edwards of Corpus Christy, Texas; a sister, Vada Shepherd of Kendallville; and 13 grandchildren, Stephanie, Miranda, Hillary, Keanan, Klanci, Kearni, Kavan, Pete and Erin Edwards and Michael, Brandy, Cody and Bailey Krafft.

A sister, Doris Gose, and a brother, James Edwards, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday. Graveside services will be held at Avilla Lutheran Cemetery in rural Avilla.

Memorials are to the church or the American Cancer Society.

Howard Shank

FORT WAYNE — Howard T. Shank, 84, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, in his home in Venice, Fla.

Mr. Shank lived in Fort Wayne and was a summer resident of Clear Lake in Steuben County for many years.

He was a partner in H.B. Shank & Sons Mechanical Contractors, retiring in 1982. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus-Thomas A. Brandon Council 451, and St. Paul's Chapel at Clear Lake.

He was born July 30, 1917, in Lima, Ohio, to H.B. and Julia (Clancy) Shank.

Surviving are his wife, Alice Houlihan-Shank; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Sue E. and Paul Wilkerson of Syracuse, Julie A. and Skip Hanchar of Fort Wayne, Colleen S. and Steve Corona of Fort Wayne, and Molly A. Nagle of Valparaiso; one son, Daniel J. Shank of Longmont, Colo.; one brother and sister-in-law, Thomas C. and Helen Shank of Fort Wayne; 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Mark A. Shank and Timothy J. Shank; one grandson, Benjamin Shank; and one sister, Margaret A. Rondot.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4500 S. Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Andrew Corona and the Rev. William J. Kummer will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Hospice of Southwest Florida, 220 Wexford Blvd., Venice FL 38293.

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Louise Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Louise Hicks, 58, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at her home north of Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Stroh.

She was born July 26, 1943, in Hastings, Mich., to Clinton Lee and Mary Elizabeth (Green) Cassiday. On April 11, 1958, she married Franklin Cecil Hicks, and he preceded her in death Aug. 23, 1990. Her fiance, Steve Eddie Isabel; two infant sons, Franklin Jr. and Robert Lee Hicks; a sister, Norma Strunk; and a brother, Junior Cassiday, are also deceased.

Surviving are her mother, Mary Naylor of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Arvin Knox Jr. of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Anna Joy Cassiday and Richard and Judy Cassiday, all of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth "Betty" and Paul Carr of Avilla; two granddaughters, Nina Vanderpool and Melinda Irelan of Kendallville; a grandson, Casey Knox of Kendallville; and a great-grandson, Michael Vanderpool of Kendallville.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Independent Baptist Church in South Milford with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Calling will be today after 5 p.m. and all day and evening Tuesday, with evening services at 7 p.m. both days. Burial will be in Brushey Prairie Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Clista Miller

DECATUR — Clista A. "Minnie" Miller, 79, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at Woodcrest Nursing Center in Decatur.

She was born in Adams County March 20, 1922, to Earl and Melvina M. (Miller) Bowen. She was a homemaker and a member of Decatur Baptist Church and a former member of St. Mark's Deaf Choir. She married Wilbur Jacob "Jake" Miller Sr., and he preceded her in death Nov. 20, 1978. A sister, Goldie Roth, and a son and a daughter are also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Bonnie Smith of Albion and Diana Monroe of Sharpsville; a son, Wilbur J. Miller Jr. of Decatursix grandchildren, Jeff Monroe, Lorie Carter, Doug and Martin Miller, Cathy Davis and Cheryl Black; and three great-grandchildren, Devin carter, Christian O'Donnell and Shawna Carter.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur with the Revs. Sylvester Martin and Brian Wikoff officiating. Calling is one hour before services Wednesday, and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Backesto Cemetery in rural Monroe.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's research, Decatur Baptist Church or deaf ministry. Condolences may be e-mailed to infor@zwickjahn.com.

E. Blanche Metzger

NORTH MANCHESTER — E. Blanche Metzger, 96, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at Timbercrest Healthcare Center in North Manchester.

She was born in Whitley County and worked as a cook at Peabody Retirement Community, retiring in 1979 after 24 years. She married Jerome E. Metzger, and he preceded her in death in 1982.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald E. of New Haven and Dean L., of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Carolyn Underwood of North Manchester and Marilyn Broyles of Westfield; five sisters, Dorothy Grossnickle of North Manchester, Nina Prange of Westfield, Edith Kennedy of South Whitley, Ruby Dilts of Larwill and Beulah Orcutt of Kendallville; 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Timbercrest Chapel, North Manchester, with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery.

Memorials are to Timbercrest Retirement Community, North Manchester. The guest book can be signed at grandstaffhentgen.com.

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Mary Nixon

GARRETT — Mary Lea Nixon, 82, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a retired seamstress and owned and operated a custom drapery business in Garrett for many years. She had lived at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett since July, 1999.

She was born Aug. 8, 1919, to Ralph and Vera Vetter in Kendallville. She married Dale J. Nixon, and he preceded her in death in 1964. A sister, Ruth Urban, is also deceased.

Surviving is a son, Dale Patrick Nixon of Brazil, Ind.

A private memorial service will be held later. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

James Kerns

KENDALLVILLE — James Thomas Kerns, 79, of Kendallville, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at home. Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Minnie Maloney

WOLF LAKE — Minnie O. Maloney, 82, died today, Feb. 19, 2002, at 3 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Maloney

She had lived in the Wolf Lake area since 1955, when she moved from Ohio. She was a homemaker and active member of Wolf Lake Baptist Church, where she was a choir member and Sunday school teacher for many years. She enjoyed reading and playing Scrabble.

She was born March 29, 1919, in Middletown, Ohio, to Shirley and Julia (Jones) Kalb. She married Oda Motre Maloney in 1935, and he preceded her in death in 1971. A son, Billie Leroy Maloney, a brother, Kenneth Kalb, a sister, Ollie Miller, and a grandson, Mark, are also deceased.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert Eugene and Betty Maloney of Kimmell and Edward Motre and Monica Maloney of Columbia City and three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jean Ann and Everett Speaker of Harper Lake, Virginia Rae Sutton of Kimmell and Phyllis June and Don Chapman of Wolf Lake.

Also surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley and Wayne Reed of Kimmell and Sue and Dean Mock of Elkhart; 16 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Faye Maloney of Michigan City; and her dog, Buddy, her companion for many years.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at [illegible]-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association or Parkview Home Health & Hospice, Whitley County.

Jancy Schmucker

SYRACUSE — Jancy E. Schmucker Jr., 49, of Syracuse, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at the home of his sister, Mary Ellen Miller, in Nappanee.

He was a lifelong area resident and self-employed contractor. He was a member of New Wine Church in Bourbon and involved in its outreach ministries. He was also president of Dewart Lake Protective Association.

He was born Dec. 24, 1952, in Elkhart to Jancy E. and Ella (Troyer) Schmucker.

Surviving are three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Rosie and Ervin Gingerich of Bloomfield, Iowa, and Edna Mae Schmucker and Mary Ellen and Levi Miller of Nappanee; and six brothers and five sisters-in-law, Melvin Jay and Erma Schmucker of Etna Green, Ezra T. and LeAnna and Marion and Freida Schmucker, all of Nappanee, Leander J. Schmucker of Morrison, Colo., David J. and Martha Schmucker of Millersburg and Simon J. and Martha Schmucker of Goshen.

A brother, Daniel T. Schmucker, and an infant sister, Miriam Schmucker, preceded him in death.

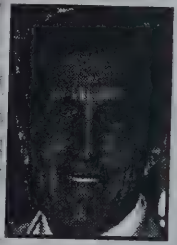
Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Maranatha Mennonite Chapel in Nappanee, with Arden Graber officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church and one hour prior to services on Wednesday. Burial will be in Union Center Cemetery.

Memorials are to Prince of Peace Ministries (India) in care of New Wine Church.

Dr. Charles Radcliffe

(Editor's note: More details of the life of former Kendallville dentist Charles Radcliffe, who died Dec. 7, 2001, have been made available to The News-Sun today.)

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dr. Charles Radcliffe died Dec. 7, 2001, in Orlando, Fla., of congestive heart failure at age 77.


Dr. Radcliffe

He had resided in Kendallville from 1949 to 1996, when he permanently relocated to Florida.

The first child of Daniel and Bernadine Radcliffe, he was born Feb. 11, 1924, in Paoli, Indiana. He attended Depauw University and graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1947, playing varsity basketball at both schools.

He married Nancy Jane Hersh of Avilla in July 1947, and shortly thereafter moved to Kendallville to begin the practice of dentistry in the former Keller Building on William Street.

A veteran of the Korean War, Dr. Radcliffe was an avid bridge player, a member of the American Contract Bridge League, and Life Master in that organization. At the time of his death he was refining a system he developed in a book of 365 duplicate bridge hands. He also was an enthusiastic golfer and anticipated attending this spring's Master's Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia — a family ritual that he maintained for 45 years.

In addition to his two brothers and one sister, he is survived by his wife, Nancy, sons Dan and Tom, daughter Lisa, and three grandchildren, all of whom live in Florida.

A memorial service in southern Indiana will be held in the spring to include family members from the Northeast, Midwest, and Florida.

Condolences to the family can be sent to c/o Mrs. Nancy Radcliffe, 2172 Chinook Trail, Maitland, Florida, 32751.

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Polly Yoder

GOSHEN — Polly Yoder, 86, of Goshen, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at her home.

She was a lifelong area resident and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Aug. 8, 1915, in Goshen to Eli E. and Katie (Miller) Hershberger. On Sept. 16, 1943, in rural Goshen she married William I. Yoder, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 3, 1996. Three sisters, Mary Eash, and Lizzie and Susie Miller, and four brothers, Joe, Menno, Levi and Ezra Hershberger, are also deceased.

Surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Mary and Katie Yoder and Ruby and Toby Bontrager, all of Goshen, and Edna Bontrager of Middlebury; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lloyd and Luella Yoder of Goshen and Leroy and Donneta Yoder of Shipshewana; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a brother, Amos E. Hershberger of Burr Oak, Mich.

Services will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the family home, 14401 C.R. 126, Goshen, with Bishop Daniel J. Bontrager and the Rev. Clarence Schrock officiating. Calling will be all day today and Wednesday at the family home. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Rheinheimer

LAGRANGE — Patricia A. Rheinheimer, 53, of LaGrange, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

She was a homemaker and lived most of her life in LaGrange County. She was a member of the Women's Bowling Association in Sturgis, Mich.

She was born June 3, 1948, in Wichita, Kan., to Philip and Mary Jane (Miller) Kennedy. On Dec. 20, 1969, she married James D. Rheinheimer, and her husband survives.

Also surviving are her parents, of Wolcottville; four daughters and sons-in-law, Tonya and Jerry Lytle of LaGrange, Jaima and Lon Aldrich of Shipshewana, Andia and Gerald Mullet of Wolcottville and Shala and Brad Crawford of Indianapolis; a sister, Debbi Levitz of Vanceburg, Ky.; four brothers, Richard, Stan and Dana Kennedy of Wolcottville and Tom Kennedy of Clayton, N.C.; and nine grandchilden.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Doris Filbrey officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to an organization of the donor's choice.

Jerry Dell

CHURUBUSCO — Jerry J. Dell, 65, a former Churubusco resident, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, in LaGrange, Ga.

Among survivors are two sons and daughters-in-law, Brad and Donna Dell of Churubusco and Lance and Larsia Dell of White Pigeon, Mich.; and two daughters and a son-in-law, Sarah Dell of LaGrange, Ga., and Sue and Don Hull of Sturgis, Mich.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Adrian Prochnow

FORT WAYNE — Adrian H. Prochnow, 86, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at home.

He was born in Wausau, Wis., and retired in 1979 as a teacher at Lutheran schools after 43 years. He served five congregations, in Spencer, Wis., Zion in Corunna, St. Peters in North Judson, and Trinity Lutheran and Emmanuel Lutheran in Fort Wayne, serving the last church for 28 years. He had also been a school principal.

Surviving are his wife, Doris C.; two daughters, Diane Anderson of Santa Fe, N.M., and Jane Prochnow of Palmerston North, New Zealand; a son, David of Boulder, Colo.; four sisters, Arlene Best of Wauwatosa, Wis., Connie Petry of Woodstock, Ill., Valeria Erdman of Wausau, Wis., and Ruthie Saeger of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St. Burial will be in Concordia Gardens Cemetery.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice or the church.

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James Lee

MONROEVILLE — James E. Lee Sr., 65, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Monroeville and retired from B.F. Goodrich Co. in 2001 after 33 years as a maintenance mechanic. He was an Army and Army Reserves veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Magdalena "Marlene;" three daughters, Jenny L. Lauer and Lori A. Egolf of Fort Wayne and Debbie S. Haupert of Wolcottville; a son, Jimmy E. of Decatur; a sister, Dorothy Ort of New Haven; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Wednesday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery, with military rites by Monroeville Legion and VFW.

Memorials are to Monroeville United Methodist Church or Monroeville EMS.

Norma Boszor

KENDALLVILLE — Norma Rose (Kurtz) Boszor, 77, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at a relative's home on Skinner Lake.

She was employed for 10 years in the housekeeping department of Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, the American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, the Kendallville Eagles and the Noble County Chapter 122 of the Eastern Star. She was a 1942 graduate of Elkhart High School.

She was born on Aug. 4, 1924, in Elkhart. She married John "Red" Boszor on Oct. 17, 1953, in Goshen, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 26, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jackie and Roger Newman of Wolcottville and Jill and Mark Wentworth of Wawaka, and five sons and three daughters-in-law, Steve and Bridgette Boszor and Jim Boszor, all of Rome City, Mike and Sue Boszor of Kendallville, John and Wendy Boszor of Albion, and Joe Boszor of Rome City.

Also surviving are two sisters and one brother-in-law, Sharon and Larry Hammel and Sue Kurtz, all of Kendallville; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Donna Kurtz of Avilla, Lynn and Shirley Kurtz of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Terry and Marilyn Kurtz of Wolcottville. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, one grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating.

Calling is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday. Burial will be at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

The following obituary is being rerun to provide additional information

Louise Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Louise Hicks, 58, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at her home north of Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Stroh.

She was born July 26, 1943, in Hastings, Mich., to Clinton Lee and Mary Elizabeth (Green) Cassiday. On April 11, 1958, she married Franklin Cecil Hicks, and he preceded her in death Aug. 23, 1990. Her fiance, Steve Eddie Isabel; two infant sons, Franklin Jr. and Robert Lee Hicks; a sister, Norma Strunk; and a brother, Junior Cassiday, are also deceased.

Surviving are her mother, Mary Elizabeth (Green) Naylor of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Arvin Knox Jr. of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Anna Joy Cassiday and Richard and Judy Cassiday, all of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth "Betty" and Paul Carr of Avilla; two granddaughters, Nina Vanderpool and her husband, Michael, and Melinda Irelan, all of Kendallville; a grandson, Casey Knox of Kendallville; and a great-grandson, Michael Vanderpool Jr. of Kendallville.

Services were today at 11 a.m. at Independent Baptist Church in South Milford, with the Rev. Willie Collins and Purda Hicks officiating. Burial was in Brushey Prairie Cemetery, LaGrange County.

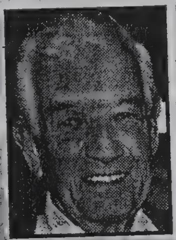
Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

James Kerns

KENDALLVILLE — James Thomas Kerns, 79, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at his Kendallville home.

He retired from Parameter Corp. in 1985, and before that worked for United Airlines for 25 years. He was also a customer services manager in Fort Wayne from 1956-1971.

He was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He also served in the military during the Korean War.


Mr. Kerns

He was an avid golfer and enjoyed his Foster Park Golf Course "family." He also volunteered for 1,500 hours at Lutheran Hospital, where he made many friends. He was a member of Quiet Birdmen and a charter member of the Fort Wayne Hangar. He was also a member of American Legion Post 296 of Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 22, 1922, in Charleston, W.Va., to Otmer James and Ruth (Terrill) Kerns. On Oct. 19, 1973, in Charleston, he married Jane Platner and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth Kerns and Simon Mares of London, U.K., and Virginia Kerns and Ronald Hallett of Williamsburg, Va.; two grandsons, Hal and Jack Kerns-Mares; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Anne and Dennis Miller of Baltimore, Md., and Mary Dosa of Washington, D.C.

A son, James Terill "Terry" Kerns and a brother, Terrill D. Kerns, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Stanley R. Kessler officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the church.

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Robert Snyder

ALBION — Robert H. Snyder, 85, of Frostproof, Fla., died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, in Frostproof.

He retired from General Electric in 1978 after 36 years. He was a lifelong Noble County resident and had lived in Albion since 1943. He was a founding member of the Eagles Lodge in Albion.

He was born March 10, 1916, in Green Township, Noble County. He married Beatrice L. Wells on Dec. 2, 1935, in Albion, and she preceded him in death on July 20, 1991. He married his second wife, Marian, on Jan. 25, 1992, and she died Friday. A daughter, Beverly Ann Snyder, a brother and a sister, Eva Young, are also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Evelyn Rimmell of Albion and Luann Beucler of Churubusco; a son, RayDean "Duke" Snyder of Albion; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Barbara Smith of Findlay, Ohio.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, with the Rev. Gene Roher officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. Burial will be in Merriam Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to the church.

Jerry Dell

CHURUBUSCO — Jerry J. Dell, 65, a former Churubusco resident, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, at his daughter's home in LaGrange, Ga.

He moved to Churubusco in 1964 and worked for Stockberger Machinery in Fort Wayne before moving to Evansville in 1974. He then moved to LaGrange, Ga., where he lived for the past 20 years. He was a parts manager at Trackmobile Inc. in LaGrange for 20 years, retiring in December. He graduated from South Bend Clay High School and served with the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was born March 24, 1936, in South Bend to John and Helen (Szabo) Dell.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Brad and Donna Dell of Churubusco and Lance and Larsia Dell of White Pigeon, Mich.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sarah Dell of LaGrange, Ga., and Sue and Don Hull of Sturgis, Mich.; his father, John Dell of South Bend; a sister and brother-in-law, Loretta and Sam Valentine of Ellenton, Fla.; a daughter-in-law, Julie Dell of Las Vegas; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

A son, Michael Dell, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Terry A. Zolman of Merriam Christian Chapel officiating. Calling will be two hours before services on Thursday. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to the National Rifle Association. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Marian Snyder

ALBION — Marian E. Snyder, 88, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, at her home in Frostproof, Fla.

She had lived in Albion for over 10 years and had worked as a machine operator for Knape and Vogt Manufacturer in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Frostproof and the Woman's International Bowling Congress.

She was born July 2, 1913, in Ludington, Mich. On Jan. 25, 1992, she married Robert H. Snyder, and he died on Feb. 16, 2002. A son, Richard Palma, is also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Marilyn Barney and Patricia Thompson, both of Fort Wayne; a stepson, James R. Geigle of Fort Myers, Fla.; two stepdaughters, Evelyn Rimmel and Luann Beucler, both of Albion; a son, RayDean "Duke" Snyder of Albion; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Neva Brugh of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Dorothy Cook of Boca Raton, Fla.

Services are today at 2 p.m. at Marion Nelson Funeral Home in Frostproof, with the Rev. Greg Wood officiating. Burial will be in Fort Myers, Fla.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion is in charge of local arrangements.

Marjorie McBride

TORRANCE, Calif. — Marjorie Wanita McBride, 90, a former Chicago resident and recently of Torrance, Calif., died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

She married Cecil A. McBride, a native of Eel River Township in Allen County, and he preceded her in death on March 4, 1978.

Among survivors are a daughter, Bernadette Randall of Torrance, with whom she lived; and a son, Duane McBride of Barrien Springs, Mich.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Levanche Kugler

KENDALLVILLE - Levanche M. Kugler, 85, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at 3:15 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Formerly of Wolcottville, Mrs. Kugler was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church, as well as the Ladies Guild at the church. She had worked at Brand's Restaurant in Corunna, and more recently had been employed at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallville on May 27, 1916, to Irvin and Emma (Hissong) Bair.

She married Wayne Kugler in Avilla on Oct. 26, 1936. He died in 1982.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Hubert and Eleanor Kugler, Robert and Shirley Kugler and Francis and Nancy Kugler, all of Hudson; one brother, Arthur Bair of Upland; three sisters, Pauline Erdley of Wolf Lake, Katherine Brazell of Ligonier and Alice Myhnier of Goshen; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

One son, Donald, and one brother Howard, preceded her in death.

Services were held on Tuesday, February 19, 2002 in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville with the Rev. Mike Tatman officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Regina Bair, 79

CHURUBUSCO-Regina M. Bair, 79, of Churubusco, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, at home.

She worked as a clerk at the former Bang's Dime Store in Churubusco for 20 years, retiring in 1973. She was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, its Rosary Sodality, the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Jan. 26, 1923, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Lewis W. and Edna C. (Grouleff) Scattergood. On June 21, 1941, in Merriam, she married Paul Bair Sr., and he survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gordon J. Wierschke of rural Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul "Butch" Bair Jr. of Lake Wales, Fla., and Max E. and Linda Bair of rural LaOtto; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, February 16, 2002 at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Monsignor Danney Pinto officiating.

Memorials are to masses or the Columbia City Miller's Merry Manor activities department.

Robert H. Snyder

ALBION - Robert H. Snyder, 85, died at 12:40 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at Frostproof, Florida.

He was born on March 10, 1916 in Green Twp., Noble County. He was a lifetime resident of Noble County having lived in Albion since 1943. He retired from General Electric in 1978 after 36 years of service. He was a member of the Albion Eagles Lodge.

He married Beatrice L. Wells on Dec. 2, 1935 in Albion. She died on July 20, 1991. He married his second wife, Marian on Jan. 25, 1992. She died on Feb. 15, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters and one son: Evelyn Rimmell of Albion, Luann Beucler of Churubusco, Ray Dean Snyder of Albion. Eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren; one sister Barbara Smith of Findley, Ohio. One daughter Beverly Ann Snyder, one brother and one sister, Eva Young preceded him in death.

Services will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002 with Rev. Gene Roher. Visitation is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Burial will be in Merriam Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Preferred memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Marian E. Snyder

ALBION - Marian E. Snyder, 88, died at her home in Frostproof, Florida on Feb. 15, 2002.

She was born on July 2, 1913 in Ludington, Michigan. She had lived in the Albion community over ten years. She was a machine operator for Knape and Vogt Manufacturer in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Frostproof Florida and Woman's International Bowling Congress.

She married her husband Robert H. Snyder on January 25, 1992 and he died February 16, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters, Marilyn Barney and Patricia Thompson both of Fort Myers Florida; one son, James R. Geigle of Fort Myers Florida; two step-daughters, Evelyn Rimmel and Luann Beucler both of Albion; one step-son, Raydean "Duke" Snyder of Albion; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two sisters, Neva Brugh of Grand Rapids Michigan and Dorothy Cook of Boca Raton, Florida. One son, Richard Palma preceded her in death.

Services were held at Marion Nelson Funeral Home in Frostproof Florida on Wed., February 20, 2002 with Rev. Greg Wood officiating. Interment was in Fort Myers, Florida.

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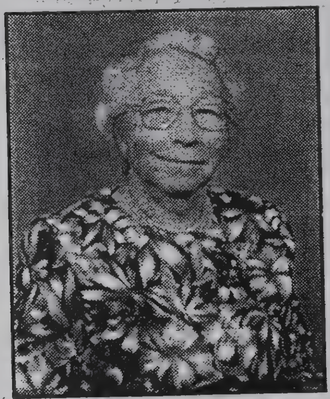
Rachel McNeal

ALBION-Rachel L. McNeal, 88, of Albion, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

She retired in 1975 from Monsanto Corp. and had also worked at Luckey Hospital in Wolf Lake. She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

She was born Aug. 18, 1913, in Noble County, to Thomas E. and Florence E. (Ott) Schlotterback. On March 4, 1935, in Topeka, she married Ralph McNeal, and he preceded her in death in 1952. Two brothers, Ira and Daniel Schlotterback, and a sister, Sarah Truelove, are also deceased.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Violet McNeal of Albion and Ronnie and Muriel McNeal of Churubusco; two brothers, Harry Schlotterback of Fort Wayne and Franklin Schlotterback of Albion; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.



Rachel McNeal

Services were held on Saturday, February 16, 2002 at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Pallbearers were her grandsons and great-grandsons, Jared and Wade Owen, Justin and Kyle Snyder and Craig, Victor and Nathanial McNeal.

Memorials are to Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

Minnie Maloney

WOLF LAKE-Minnie O. Maloney, 82, died today, Feb. 19, 2002, at 3 a.m. at her home.

She had lived in the Wolf Lake area since 1955, when she moved from Ohio. She was a homemaker and active member of Wolf Lake Baptist Church, where she was a choir member and Sunday school teacher for many years. She enjoyed reading and playing Scrabble.

She was born March 29, 1919, in Middletown, Ohio, to Shirley and Julia (Jones) Kalb. She married Oda Motre Maloney in 1935, and he preceded her in death in 1971. A son, Billie Leroy Maloney, a brother, Kenneth Kalb, a sister, Ollie Miller, and a grandson, Mark, are also deceased.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert Eugene and Betty Maloney of Kimmell and Edward Motre and Monica Maloney of Columbia City and three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jean Ann and Everett Speaker of Harper Lake, Virginia Rae Sutton of Kimmel and Phyllis June and Don Chapman of Wolf Lake.

Also surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley and Wayne Reed of Kimmell and Sue and Dean Mock of Elkhart; 16 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Faye Maloney of Michigan City; and her dog, Buddy, her companion for many years.

Services will be held on Friday, February 22, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association or Parkview Home Health & Hospice, Whitley County.

John Edwards

AVILLA -- John B. Edwards, 70, of Avilla, died Monday, February 18, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1983 from International Harvester Company. He also was owner/operator of John Edwards Hauling, a member of St. John Lutheran Church, VFW Post 2749 and Eagles Aerie 985, all of Kendallville, and American Legion Post 246 in Albion. He was a Korean War U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Daisy; sons, Gregory of Napoleon, Ohio, Mark of Avilla and Doug of Churubusco; daughters, Beverly Krafft of Spencerville and Joyce Jester of Mooreland; brothers, Robert of Columbia City and Gean of Corpus Christi, Texas; a sister, Vada Shepherd of Kendallville; and 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Services are 11 a.m. today at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville with calling one hour before services.

Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Burial will be at Avilla Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Memorials are to the church or American Cancer Society.

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Virginia Parker

ALBION — Virginia E. Parker, 74, of rural Albion, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at the family home in York Township, where she had resided since 1952.

She was a homemaker and attended Merriam Christian Chapel. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1945, and was raised in the Merriam area.

She was born in Noble County July 17, 1927, to Tonda and Mary (Winebrenner) Keister. On Feb. 12, 1949, she married Alton W. Parker, and he survives.

Also surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Dennis and Becky, Dudley and Colleen, DeLane and Val, Darrin and Rhonda and Danny Parker, all of Albion; a daughter, Darla Jo Parker of Indianapolis; a brother, Paul Keister of Albion; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Pauline and Ralph Bair of Churubusco and Eileen and Harold Zumbrun of Columbia City; and 13 grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Merriam Christian Chapel with the Rev. Terry A. Zolman officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour before services at the church on Saturday. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to the church or the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

This obituary is being reprinted to include additional information.

Norma Boszor

KENDALLVILLE — Norma Rose (Kurtz) Boszor, 77, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at a relative's home on Skinner Lake.

She was employed for 10 years in the housekeeping department of Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, the American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, the Kendallville Eagles and the Noble County Chapter 122 of the Eastern Star. She was a 1942 graduate of Elkhart High School.

She was born on Aug. 4, 1924, in Elkhart. She married John "Red" Boszor on Oct. 17, 1953, in Goshen, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 26, 1993. A sister, Marge Newman, is also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jackie and Roger Newman of Wolcottville and Jill and Mark Wentworth of Wawaka, and five sons and three daughters-in-law, Steve and Bridgett Boszor and Jim Boszor, all of Rome City, Mike and Sue Boszor of Kendallville, John and Wendy Boszor of Albion, and Joe Boszor of Rome City.

Also surviving are two sisters and one brother-in-law, Sharon and Larry Hammel and Sue Kurtz, all of Kendallville; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Donna Kurtz of Avilla, Lynn and Shirley Kurtz of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Terry and Marilyn Kurtz of Wolcottville. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating.

Calling is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospital Ronald McDonald Room. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Don Yoder

LAGRANGE — Don (Wayne) Yoder, 80, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at his home.

He was a farmer and a farm equipment salesman. He also worked at the LaGrange Marathon station after his retirement. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and the First United Methodist Church of LaGrange.

He was born March 18, 1921, in Topeka, to Ernest E. and Edith (Lantz) Yoder. On Oct. 11, 1948, in Chicago, he married Clara B. Mercer, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Rodney Scott of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Teresa Yoder of Coldwater, Mich.; a sister, Virginia Ditmer of Syracuse; and three grandchildren, Tonia Yoder of Grand Blanc, Mich., Matthew Yoder of Coldwater, Mich., and John Scott of Atlanta, Ga.

A brother, LaMar Yoder, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

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This obituary is being republished with additional information about survivors.

Christopher Tittle

ASHLEY — Christopher Michael Tittle, 29, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, in a highway crash on Interstate 69 north of Ashley.

Mr. Tittle

Mr. Tittle was a construction worker and lived in Ashley. He was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church. He enjoyed basketball, art and drawing, native and Indian ways, and fishing with his children.

He was born Sept. 29, 1972, in Auburn.

Surviving are his father, Michael L. Tittle of Auburn; his mother, Joyce A. Swihart of Butler; his stepfather, Ted L. Swihart of Butler; three children, Gaven Tittle and Maia Tittle, both of Garrett, and Zack Tittle of Helmer; one sister, Jennifer Tittle of Auburn; his ex-wife, Stacy Steinman of Garrett; his ex-wife's parents, Roger and Marlene Steinman of Auburn; and his maternal grandmother and step-grandfather, Francis and William Hjelm of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Staff Sgt. William M. Croy, who died Aug. 15, 1966, in Vietnam, and his paternal grandparents.

Services were held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to a scholarship fund for his children.

Peyton H. Goodwin II

TUCSON, Ariz. — Peyton H. "Coach" Goodwin II, 80, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

He was an educator who helped build and then taught at the first high school in Troy, Mich. He also coached basketball and served as the Troy school district's athletic director.

He was born Oct. 8, 1921, in Kendallville to Peyton and Bertha Goodwin.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Sean and Mary Goodwin, John and Barb Goodwin and Pete and Christine Goodwin; five daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy and Bud Hether, Julie and Bud Haden, Laura and Steve Keenan, Sue and Sam Sera and Becky Didler; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Russell Zigler

ALBION — Russell Zigler, 87, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Richard Roberts

HERNANDO, Fla. — Richard LeRoy "Dick" Roberts, 63, of Hernando, Fla., died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at the Ocala Regional Medical Center.

He moved to Hernando from Wolcottville two years ago. He had retired from General Electric as a wire winder, and was a member of the Albion Eagles Club Aerie 2455 of Albion. He was an avid bowler and of the Catholic faith.

He was born in Kosciusko County Oct. 15, 1938, to LeRoy and Frances (Ward) Roberts.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Martha R. (Fox) Roberts; four sons, Roy, Robert and Randy of Fort Wayne and Ricky of Kendallville; two brothers, Ron Roberts of San Diego and Don Roberts of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Shirley Puskarz of Inverness, Fla., and Sandi Galloway of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Charles E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory in Inverness is in charge of arrangements.

Dutch VanderBosch

HUDSON — Dutch VanderBosch, 96, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at his daughter's home at Lake of the Woods.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

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Marjorie McBride

TORRANCE, Calif. — Marjorie Wanita McBride, 90, a former Chicago resident and recently of Torrance, Calif., died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

She was raised in Chicago and lived most of her married life there. She spent her winters in Miami, Fla., and moved to Torrance three years ago to be near her daughter.

She was born in Chicago Sept. 30, 1911, to Albert and Margaret (Bell) Wanita. On Aug. 17, 1935, in Chicago, she married Cecil A. McBride of Eel River Township, Allen County, and her husband preceded her in death on March 4, 1978. A sister, Frances Heim, is also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Bernadette Randall of Torrance, with whom she lived; and a son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Amy McBride of Berrien Springs, Mich.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. A. Josef Grieg officiating. Calling will be one hour before services at the funeral home on Saturday. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

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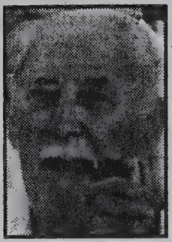
Urban Vanderbosch

HUDSON — Urban "Dutch" Vanderbosch, 95, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002 at his daughter's home.

He was an electrician who performed work for Fort Wayne's Memorial Coliseum and Embassy Theater. He also did electrical work for the Dana Corp.

He was a member of the IBEW Union in Fort Wayne, the Garrett Eagles and the Garrett Knights of Columbus.



Mr. Vanderbosch

He was a lifetime resident of Avilla, except for the past six years, during which he lived with his daughter, Delores Rash. She survives.

He was born March 29, 1906, in Avilla. His father was William Vanderbosch.

He married Madelyn Baskie on June 6, 1935, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She preceded him in death in 1968.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Delores and Charles Rash of Hudson; five grandchildren, Dick, Randy and Stan Stroh, Kenneth Rash and Tammy Walton; 10 great-grandchildren, Jenny, Sam, Ellie, Jeff, Nickie, Eric, Jamie and Jermey Stroh, and Brittany and Tyler Walton; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. A rosary service will take place at 6 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home. Calling is Monday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to Tuesday's services.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Jerry Taylor

KIMMELL — Jerry E. Taylor, 60, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He worked for Monaco Coach in Wakarusa and served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1969. He was a member of Wolf Lake VFW Post 4717, American Legion Post 246 in Albion and Eagles Aerie 3760 of Syracuse.

He was born on July 11, 1941, in Noble County. He married Edna Yoder on Oct. 31, 1967 in Ligonier. She preceded him in death on Oct. 8, 1987.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Doris and Kenny Thorn of Columbia City and Dora and Paul Gingerich of Larwill; a son, Danie Taylor of Kimmell; seven brothers, James, Ronald, Larry and Joe Taylor, all of Ligonier, Robert Taylor of Wolf Lake, Harry Taylor of Albion and Richard Taylor of Cromwell; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Beverly and Bud Todd of Albion and Sharon Young of Kimmell; four grandchildren, Josh, Crystal, Andrew and Chelsea; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kimmell United Methodist Church, with Pastor Craig Myer officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery. American Legion Post 246 of Albion will perform military graveside services. An Eagles memorial service will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Albion.

Calling will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home.

William Dunbar

ALLEGAN, Mich. — William Henry Dunbar, 76, formerly of Ligonier, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, at Burgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

He lived in Ligonier for 15 years before moving to Michigan. He had been a machinery repairman for Dana Corp. in Syracuse, retiring in 1987. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed spending time with his dog, Wilbur.

He was born Oct. 1, 1925, in Milburn, W.Va., to James Preston and Elizabeth (Wriston) Dunbar. He married Ruth Burdette in Fayetteville, W.Va., in 1946, and she survives in Allegan, Mich.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dickie and Louise Dunbar of Oceanside, Calif., Kenny and Carol Dunbar of Rittman, Ohio, and Keith and Lisa Dunbar of Wawaka; a daughter, Betty Sue Dunbar of Elkhart; seven children; and lifelong friends Phillip and Hazell Morris Sr. of Allegan.

A son, William Jr., a brother, James Dunbar Jr. and two sisters, Mary Dickerson and Annalee White, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 5-8 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

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Carl Harlan

LAGRANGE — Carl G. Harlan, 78, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

He lived most of his life in Ligonier before residing in health care centers for the past 31 years. Residents may remember him driving a motorized wagon and earning money by recycling papers. He was a member of the United Brethren Church.

He was born March 23, 1923, in Noble County, to Roy and Ethel (Herron) Harlan.

Surviving are a sister, Violet Noble of Pierceton; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Three brothers, Laurel, Lee J. and Bernard Harlan and three sisters, Mildred Addis, Opal Newman and Freida Hudson, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at noon at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Cemetery, Albion.

Russell Zigler

ALBION — Russell M. Zigler, 87, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was employed by the Rose Hill Cemetery Association from 1952 to 1965, when it was taken over by the town of Albion. He continued to work for the cemetery until 1985. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1952.

He was born May 1, 1914, in Albion to Emry and Mary Elvira (McNeal) Zigler.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and James Zigler, and two sisters, Letha Nicodemus and Hazel Zigler.

Surviving are a niece, Mary Lou Tucker of Albion, and a sister, Donna Schumacher of Colin, Mich.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Roger Russell officiating. Burial will be in Rehoboth Cemetery in Albion. Calling will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home.

Preferred memorials are to Garden of the Good Shepherd or to the activities department of Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

George Slinger

KENDALLVILLE — George L. Slinger, 65, of Kendallville, died at 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, at his residence.

In Indianapolis on Dec. 17, 1936, he was born to George and Loretta (Tragresser) Slinger.

The former Indianapolis resident worked as a tool and die maker at Royal Industries in Auburn.

He was a member of St. Gasper Catholic Church, Rome City, and American Legion Post 86, Kendallville. He coached flag football and was a Boy Scout leader.

Surviving are Janice Dukes, his wife of 40-plus years; a daughter, Christine Eagan of Indianapolis; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Doug Conrad of Lewiston, Idaho; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Joni Slinger of Knoxville, Tenn.; a son, Christopher Slinger of Wolcottville; two sisters, Pat Furr of Conway, S.C., and Barbara Reese of Indianapolis; five grandsons, Stephen and Austin Slinger of Knoxville, Tenn., Justin and Sean Eagan of Indianapolis; and Jim Pepple of Leggett, Calif.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Gasper Catholic Church, Rome City, with Father Charles Mullens officiating. Burial will be at the St. Gasper Catholic Cemetery following the Mass.

There is no visitation.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Wallace Clark

SYRACUSE — Wallace C. Clark, 68, of Syracuse, died at 8:06 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

On March 18, 1933, in Maxincukee, Ind., he was born to Floyd and Mary E. (White) Clark. On June 14, 1958, he married Donna Michael Clark. She survives.

He graduated from Bourbon High School, Bourbon, in 1952, and was a machine operator at Silgan Plastics Corp., before retiring in July 1998.

Mr. Clark was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the Cromwell Masonic Lodge 705.

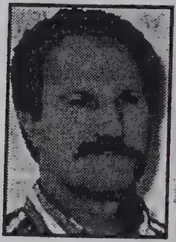
Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Steven Howard of Goshen; a sister, Mary Lou Price of Bourbon; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Howard and David, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Chris Dare officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, with military graveside rites by Ligonier American Legion.

Calling is from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Masonic rites at 7:30 p.m.

Michael Schrock



Schrock

WOLCOTTVILLE — Michael D. Schrock, 44, of Wolcottville, died at 3 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at his residence.

On July 19, 1957, in LaGrange, he was born to Rollie and Montey C. (Bowman) Schrock, who survive in Howe. He married Julee A. Frey on April 29, 1989, in LaGrange. She survives.

He was a former employee of Starcraft Marine Corp. and lived most of his life in LaGrange County. His hobbies were woodworking, pleasure boating and fishing.

Surviving in addition to his parents and wife are two daughters, Jessica Lyn Schrock of Nashville, Tenn., and Lindsey Ann Schrock of Wolcottville; a son, Matthew F. Schrock of LaGrange; a sister, Brenda McClure of Elkhart; and two brothers, James L. and Scott A. Schrock, both of Wolcottville.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

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This obituary is being reprinted to correct errors in the obituary published Friday.

William Henry Dunbar

ALLEGAN, Mich. — William Henry Dunbar, 76, of Allegan, Mich., formerly of Ligonier, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, at Burgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, Mich.

On Oct. 1, 1925, in Milburn, W.Va., he was born to James Preston and Elizabeth (Wriston) Dunbar. In Fayetteville, W.Va., in 1946, he married Ruth Burdette. She survives.

He had been a resident of Ligonier for 30 years until moving to Michigan in the 1990s.

Mr. Dunbar had been a machinery repairman with Dana Corp. in Syracuse, where he retired in 1987. He enjoyed spending time with his dog Wilbur.

Surviving in addition to his wife are four sons and daughters-in-law, Dickie and Louise Dunbar of Ocean Side, Calif., Kenny and Carol Dunbar of Rittman, Ohio, Keith and Lisa Dunbar of Wawaka, and Jim "Jimbo" and Ann Dunbar of Lexington, Ky.; a daughter, Betty Sue Dunbar of Elkhart; seven granchildren; and lifetime friends, Phillip and Hazel Morris Sr. of Allegan.

A son, William Dunbar Jr., a brother, James Dunbar Jr., and two sisters, Mary Dickerson and Annalee White, preceded him in death.

Services will beat 11 a.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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Jacob Rheinheimer

BRISTOL — Jacob C. Rheinheimer, 81, Bristol, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at his home.

Mr. Rheinheimer was born Aug. 6, 1920, in Wolford, N.D., to John Frederick and Gertrude (Yoder) Rheinheimer. He lived most of his life in LaGrange and Elkhart counties.

Mr. Rheinheimer

He married Kathleen A. Vanalman on May 6, 1978, in Harrisburg, Pa., and she survives.

He was a salesman in the recreational vehicle industry. He was an owner and jockey in sulky horse racing, and was a member of the Elks Lodge No. 425. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Karen Custer of Adamsville, Tenn.; four sons, James Rheinheimer of LaGrange, Jeffery Custer of Houston, Texas and David Rheinheimer of Bristol; four sisters, Sadie Lewis of Mesa, Ariz., Marian Brown of Topeka, Dela Hooley of Goshen and Rita Rose Tuttle of Mesa; two brothers, John Rheinheimer of Indianapolis and Stanley Rheinheimer of New Jersey; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Timothy, Raymond, Walter "Scott," James and Bill; and a sister, Vivian Rheinheimer.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, the Rev. Ken Livengood of the Bonneyville Mennonite Church officiating. Calling hours are from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorials are to Elkhart General Community Hospice or United Cancer Services of Elkhart County.

Paul Hile

KENDALLVILLE — Paul E. Hile, 78, Kendallville, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hile was born Nov. 8, 1923, in Kendallville, to Ben and Hazel (Witmer) Hile. He married Mary Haid on Nov. 8, 1946, in Kendallville, and she survives.

Mr. Hile

He was a 1942 graduate of Kendallville High School. He had worked in the former Kendall Lumber Co., and Cline Lumber Co., and most recently had worked for Broadview Lumber Co. in Kendallville. He retired on Oct. 31, 1988. From 1957-67 he lived in Troy, Ohio, where he was manager of West Milton Lumber Co.

He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, and a former member of the Kendallville Kiwanis Club. He was a past member of Kendallville Park and Recreation Board.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Rebecca (Steve) Workman of Avilla; two sons, Dennis (Kathy) Hile of West Milton, Ohio and Kevin (Tonya) Hile of Rome City; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Hile of Tipp City, Ohio; a brother, Jim Hile of Ligonier; a sister, Catherine Edgington of Sturgis, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Barry Hile; a sister, Bonnie Smith; and a brother, Bob Hile.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling will be held Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will be set at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Vern Leitch

LARWILL — Vern Allen Leitch, 73, Larwill, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

Mr. Leitch was born May 2, 1928, in Noble County, to Noah and Edna (Diffendarfer) Leitch. He spent his early childhood on the family farm near Churubusco, and his early school years were spent in the Huckleberry School in Noble County. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1946.

After completing his education, he was first employed as a home delivery bread route salesman for the Nickles Bakery. In the late 1950s he owned and operated Leitch Brothers Shell Service in Albion. He retired from Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne in June of 1990.

On Aug. 31, 1960, he married Alice Jean Harter. The couple always made their home in Larwill, except for a year and a half spent in Albion. Mrs. Leitch died on Feb. 28, 1987.

Mr. Leitch was affiliated with the Larwill United Methodist Church.

Surviving are four daughters, Cheryl (Donald) Shaw of Kendallville, Melinda Leitch of Larwell, Carolyn (Steven) Dirck of Warsaw and Karen Price; two sons, Kerry (Bobbi) Leitch of Kendallville and John (Janelle) Leitch of Larwill; two sisters, Marie (Robert) Strater of Kendallville and Vera Applegate of Harlan; a brother, Laurell (Mary Anna) Leitch of Churubusco; 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one step great-granddaughter.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, the Rev. Todd Wilson, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Oswego, officiating. Calling will be from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Fund or the American Diabetes Association.

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Thomas Wheeler

COLUMBIA CITY — Thomas W. Wheeler, 77, Ormas, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Wheeler was born March 5, 1924, in Ormas, to Melvin Clinton and Jessie Blondine (Moore) Wheeler. He attended the Etna School for 10 years and graduated from North Webster High School in 1942.

After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during World War II in Australia, New Guinea and Burma.

Following his discharge from the Army in December of 1945, he returned to Etna where he joined his family in the operation of M.C. Wheeler & Sons Inc. Well Drilling and Plumbing, serving as the president of the corporation until his retirement in 1987.

On Oct. 1, 1966, he married Beverly A. Menzie, and they made their home in Bear Lake, where they lived for 10 years. In 1976, they moved to Ormas.

He was a member of the Larwill Due Guard Masonic Lodge, the Columbia City American Legion Post No. 98, Columbia City V.F.W. Post, Columbia City Eagles Lodge and had served as the president of the Thorn Cemetery Association for many years.

Surviving with his wife are four sons, Greg (Cecilia) Wheeler and Brad (Lydia) Wheeler, both of Columbia City, Tom (Debra) Goodrich of Albion and Steve (Diane) Goodrich of Gratiot, Wis.; two daughters, Janet (Duane) Waybright of Larwill and Suzanne (Harry) Plotner of Amboy; two brothers, Harold Wheeler of Larwill and Bill Wheeler of Columbia City; a sister, Luann (Jack) Foster of Columbia City; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, the Rev. Timothy Wheeler officiating. Calling hours are from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, with the Columbia City American Legion Post No. 98 presenting military honors at the graveside.

The Larwill Due Guard Masonic Lodge will hold a memorial service at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Whitley County Community Foundation.

Daniel Ryan

LAGRANGE — Daniel A. Ryan, 14, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was an eighth-grade student at Lakeland Middle School in LaGrange, in which community he was a lifelong resident. He played softball and was a member of LaGrange Junior Bowling League.

Daniel Ryan

He was born Feb. 22, 1988, in LaGrange. He was the son of Steven P. and Shelley R. (Yerington) Ryan of LaGrange. They survive.

Also surviving are two grandmothers, Margaret Yerington of Fort Wayne, and Ruth Ryan of Columbia City; and four brothers, Christopher M. Ryan of Sturgis, Mich., Joseph A. Ryan of Mongo, and Adam P. Ryan and Earl D. Yerington, both of LaGrange.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange. The Rev. Stephen Flynn will officiate. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Cancer Unit of Riley Hospital.

Elizabeth Johnson

SYRACUSE — Elizabeth Johnson, 95, of Syracuse died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor, where she had lived since 1997.

Mrs. Johnson

She worked in the production line at Delco Electronics in Kokomo, and moved to Syracuse in 1980. She was a member of Delco Hobby Club and GM "35" Club. She enjoyed fishing and crochet work.

She was born Sept. 9, 1906, in Bloomfield, Ill., to John and Dollie (Cheek) Waters. She married Glenn Johnson, who preceded her in death in 1965. Three sisters, Wilma Ferguson, Zella McKnight and Jessie Donaldson, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Bette Brockett of Syracuse; a grandson and his wife, Dave and Sandy Brockett of Ligonier; and two great-granddaughters, Kelly and Stephanie Brockett.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at Kokomo Memorial Park, Kokomo, with the Rev. Bill Bernauer of the Ligonier Presbyterian Church officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Kokomo Memorial Park.

Memorials are to an organization of the donor's choice.

William Edsall

ALBION — William Connor Edsall, 78, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Albion and grew up in Albion, Kendallville and Fort Wayne. He embraced nature and loved working with his hands.

He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in World War II under the command of Gen. George S. Patton at Normandy and in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a recipient of numerous medals for his bravery in combat, including the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

He worked for 42 years as a clerk for National Mill Supply Co., retiring in 1987.

He was born to Merle "Grady" Edsall and Ruth (Kirkpatrick) Barnes.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" (Schone), who died in 1997; two brothers, James and Pierre; a half brother, Russell; and two daughters, Charlene Rita and Eva Marie.

Surviving are six daughters, Ruth Schaper of Columbia City, Mary Burns, Rose Doetsch and Patricia Fox, all of Fort Wayne, and Therese Miller and Elizabeth Hoy, both of Leo-Cedarville; four sons, William of Montpelier, Charles of Sparks, Nev., David of Fort Wayne and Paul of Muncie; 36 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren..

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Burial is in Highland Park Cemetery. The U.S. Army will perform military rites.

Calling is one hour prior to services and today from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Lois Stump

LIGONIER — Lois J. Stump, 77, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, at her home.

She graduated in 1942 from Albion High School.

She was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church and loved gardening, quilting and sewing. She worked for Tower Trophies until her retirement in 1987.

She was born May 5, 1924, in Noble County to Norris and Ruby (Skinner) Winebrenner. She married Joseph Stump Dec. 23, 1943, in Little Rock, Ark. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Terry Riordan of Lincoln, Neb., and Kay and Les Rosenogle and Esther and John Harlan, all of Ligonier; two sons and daughters-in-law, Norris and Judy Stump of Cromwell and Glen and Elena Stump of Grabill; five brothers, Robert Winebrenner, Richard Winebrenner and Russell Winebrenner, all of Albion, Guy Winebrenner of Harrington, Del., and Walter Winebrenner of Hastings, Mich.; one sister, Edith Sommer of Bourbon; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Wilbur Winebrenner.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Ligonier Presbyterian Church, with the Revs. Susan and Bill Bernauer officiating. Burial is in Salem Cemetery in Wilmot.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Ligonier Presbyterian Church, the Gideons or the American Cancer Society.

Richard Harmon

FORT WAYNE — Richard Harmon, 71, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, at his home.

He worked at Light & Breuning.

Among survivors are two sons, Kim and Shawn; a brother, Fred of Knox; and two sisters, Helen Gillen of Fort Wayne and Eloise Enders of Ligonier.

Services are pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Richard Roberts

WOLCOTTVILLE — Richard LeRoy "Dick" Roberts, 63, of Hernando, Fla., and formerly of Wolcottville and Fort Wayne, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, in Ocala, Fla.

He was born in Kosciusko County and worked as a wire winder for General Electric, from which he retired. His wife, Martha, survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Roy, Robert and Randy, all of Fort Wayne, and Ricky of Kendallville; two brothers, Ron of San Diego and Don of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Shirley Puskarz of Inverness, Fla., and Sandi Galloway of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

No local services are scheduled. Chas E. Davis Funeral Home in Inverness is in charge of arrangements.

Leona Flynn

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Leona Flynn, 84, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, in Port Charlotte.

She was born in Fort Wayne. Her husband, Eugene, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a brother, Harold Baker of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mary Rice of Columbia City and Verda Preston of Avilla; three daughters, Carol St. John of Port Charlotte and Violet Lerch and Sharon Lauer, both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; 12 great-granchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

No services or calling are scheduled. Kays-Ponger Funeral Home in Port Charlotte is in charge of arrangements.

Florence Perkins

STROH — Florence M. Perkins, 91, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Perkins

She was a lifetime resident of Stroh and a member of the Stroh Church of Christ. She was also a 50-year member of the Sylvan Chapter 251 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born June 29, 1910, in LaGrange County, to Walter and Anna (Coney) Gravit. She married Floyd A. Perkins on July 3, 1932. He preceded her in death on Aug. 30, 1987. She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Frank, Harold, Richard and Charles Gravit; and a daughter-in-law, Patricia Perkins.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Annetta L. Whittig of Hudson, Karen M. and Lynn Stockwell of Hudson, Martha F. Relford of Chicago and Marilyn K. and Daniel Faulkner of Wolcottville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Miles S. anmd Judith Perkins of Hudson and James W. Perkins of Wolcottville; a sister-in-law, Kathryn Gravit of Howe; 16 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Stroh Church of Christ. The Rev. Michael Hamm will officiate. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange. Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Stroh Church of Christ. An Order of the Eastern Star service will be held at 8 p.m.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Stroh Church of Christ.

Albert Schrock

LAGRANGE — Albert D. Schrock, 84, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

He worked as a machinist at Tokheim Corp. in Fort Wayne and moved to LaGrange in 1999 from Spencerville.

He was born July 7, 1917, in Yoder, Kan., to Reuben T. and Susan (Yoder) Schrock. He married Mary R. Edwards in Akron, Ohio, on April 25, 1946. She preceded him in death on Nov. 13, 1996. He was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry Lee, on Sept. 19, 1947;, three brothers; and a sister.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Robert Mauck of Shipshewana; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis R. and Marcia Schrock of Freeman, S.D., and James A. and Sheri Schrock of Glendale, Ariz.; two sisters, Frances Beck of Leo and Ruth Gappinger of LaGrange; five brothers, Clayton Schrock of Cedarville, Elmer Schrock of Ellenton, Fla., Paul Schrock of Fort Wayne, Robert Schrock of Whitestown and William Schrock of Wolcottville; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Marion Mennonite Church in Shipshewana. The Rev. Brian Arbuckle will officiate. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling is from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Edwin Pebley

FORT WAYNE — Edwin A. Pebley, 73, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was an ordained minister who served as a Church of Christ Pastor in South Milford and Macon, Ohio. He was employed by Guardian Photo Lab for 29 years, retiring in 1992. He also owned a piano-tuning business.

He was born in Johnstown, Pa.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine L.; a son, James Edwin of Woodburn; two daughters, Joyce Elaine Scheumann of Hoagland and Carol Jean Pebley of the Philippines; a brother, Robert of Anderson; a sister, Betty McClure of Bradenburg, Ky.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Caroline May Winebrenner, 84

COLUMBIA CITY - Caroline May Winebrenner, age 84, of 7067 North Brown Road, Etna Troy Township, Columbia City, IN 46725 died at 4:09 p.m., Wednesday, February 20, 2002 at the Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City. She had been in failing health for the past 6 weeks.

She was born in Whitley County, IN on December 25, 1917 to Daniel Henry and Orra Dawn (Whitman) Loe. She attended South Whitley Schools and graduated with the Class of 1936. She was reared east of South Whitley, and has lived at her Loon Lake home since 1958.

She married Nelson E. Winebrenner on July 24, 1937 by the late Rev. Edward Hively in Albion.

She was first employed at the Pence's Dry Cleaners for 3 years and for Woods House of Interiors for 16 years. She was a member of Oak Grove Church of God, the churches Senior's Fellowship, the Bethany Sunday School Class, Whitley County Historical Society, Eastern Star Lodge #65, Sugar and Spice Home Extension Club and the Rebekah Lodge. She had held numerous offices in the above listed organizations.

She is survived by 2 sons, Thomas (Amelia) Winebrenner of Churubusco and Richard E. "Butch" (Carol) Winebrenner of Columbia City; a daughter-in-law Sharon Rigney, Danville, VA; two granddaughters, Lisa Ann Nicholes, Danville, VA and Elizabeth Dawn Winebrenner of Columbia City; two grandsons, John Mark Winebrenner of Danville, Va and Michael John Winebrenner, Columbia City; three great-grandchildren, Amber Lee DeVall of Danville, VA; Austin Cain Powell of DAnville, VA and John Dakota Winebrenner of Danville, VA.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Nelson E. Winebrenner who died on June 6, 1993, her parents, one son John R. Winebrenner who died in 1985 and one brother David Phinas Loe died as an infant.

An Eastern Star Twilight Memorial Service was held at the DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City on Friday, February 22, 2002. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, February 23, 2002 with Pastor Mark Goeglein officiating at the funeral home. Burial will be at the South Park (Original) Cemetery, Columbia City. Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Winebrenner's name to Oak Grove Church of God.

Russell M. Zigler, 87

ALBION - Russell M. Zigler, 87, died on Wednesday, February 20, 2002 at 7:55 p.m.

He was born on May 1, 1914 in Albion to Emry and Mary Elvria (McNeal) Zigler

He worked for the town of Albion for 30 years from 1965 to 1985 and thirteen years for Rose Hill Cemetery Association. He was a lifetime resident of the Albion community and a World War II Army Veteran serving from 1943 to 1952.

Surviving are one sister Donna Schumacher of Colin Michigan. A niece, Mary Lou Tucker also survives.

Two brothers, Robert and James Zigler and two sisters, Letha Nicodemus and Hazel Zigler preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 25, 2002 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. Burial was in Rehoboth Cemetery, Albion.

Preferred memorials are to Garden of the Good Shepherd or Activities Dept. of Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Norma Boszor

KENDALLVILLE - Norma Rose (Kurtz) Boszor, 77, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at a relative's home on Skinner Lake.

She was employed for 10 years in the housekeeping department of Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, the American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, the Kendallville Eagles and the Noble County Chapter 122 of the Eastern Star. She was a 1942 graduate of Elkhart High School.

She was born on Aug. 4, 1924, in Elkhart. She married John "Red" Boszor on Oct. 17, 1953, in Goshen, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 26, 1993. A sister, Marge Newman, is also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jackie and Roger Newman of Wolcottville and Jill and Mark Wentworth of Wawaka, and five sons and three daughters-in-law, Steve and Bridgett Boszor and Jim Boszor, all of Rome City, Mike and Sue Boszor of Kendallville, John and Wendy Boszor of Albion, and Joe Boszor of Rome City.

Also surviving are two sisters and one brother-in-law, Sharon and Larry Hammel and Sue Kurtz, all of Kendallville; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Donna Kurtz of Avilla, Lynn and Shirley Kurtz of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Terry and Marilyn Kurtz of Wolcottville. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Firday, Feb. 22, at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospital Ronald McDonald Room. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

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Thomas W. Wheeler, 77

COLUMBIA CITY - Thomas W. Wheeler, 77, Ormas, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Wheeler was born March 5, 1924, in Ormas, to Melvin Clinton and Jessie Blondine (Moore) Wheeler. He attended the Etna School for 10 years and graduated from North Webster High School in 1942.

After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served during World War II in Australia, New Guinea and Burma.

Following his discharge from the Army in December of 1945, he returned to Etna where he joined his family in the operation of M. C. Wheeler & Sons Inc. Well Drilling and Plumbing, serving as the president of the corporation until his retirement in 1987.

On Oct. 1, 1966, he married Beverly A. Menzie, and they made their home in Bear Lake, where they lived for 10 years. In 1976, they moved to Ormas.

He was a member of the Larwill Due Guard Masonic Lodge, the Columbia City American Legion Post No. 98, Columbia City V. F. W. Post, Columbia City Eagles Lodge and had served as the president

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of the Thorn Cemetery Association for many years.

Surviving with his wife are four sons, Greg (Cecilia) Wheeler and Brad (Lydia) Wheeler, both of Columbia City, Tom (Debra) Goodrich of Albion and Steve (Diane) Goodrich of Gratiot, Wis.; Two daughters, Janet (Duane) Waybright of Larwill and Suzanne (Harry) Plotner of Amboy; two brothers, Harold Wheeler of Larwill and Bill Wheeler of Columbia City; a sister, Luann (Jack) Foster of Columbia City; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, the Rev. Timothy Wheeler officiating.

Burial was in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, with the Columbia City American Legion Post No. 98 presenting military honors at the graveside.

The Larwill Due Guard Masonic Lodge held a memorial service on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Whiitley County Community Foundation.

Lois J. Stump, 77

LIGONIER - Lois J. Stump, age 77 of Ligonier died 5:35 pm Sunday, February 24, 2002 in her residence. She was born on May 5, 1924 in Noble County to Norris Winebrenner and Ruby Skinner Winebrenner.

She graduated from Albion High School in 1942. She was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church, she loved gardening, quilting and sewing. She retired from Tower Trophies in 1987.

She married Joseph Stump on December 23, 1943 in Little Rock, Arkansas, he survives.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Stump; three daughters, Judy and Terry Riordan of Lincoln, Nebraska, Kay and Les Rosenogle of Ligonier, Esther and John Harlan of Ligonier; two sons, Norris and Judy Stump of Cromwell, Glen and Elena Stump of Grabill; five brothers, Robert Winebrenner, Richard Winebrenner and Russell Winebrenner all of Albion, Guy Winebrenner of Harrington Delaware and Walter Winebrenner of Hastings Michigan; one sister, Edith Sommer of Bourbon IN; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, Wilbur Winebrenner.

Services are Thursday, February 28, 2002 at 10:00 am in Ligonier Presbyterian Church at 407 South Cavin, Ligonier with Revs. Susan and Bill Bernauer officiating. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery, Wilmot.

Visitation is Wednesday, February 27, 2002 from 2:00-4:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ligonier Presbyterian Church, Gideons or American Cancer Society.

Vern Leitch

LARWILL - Vern Allen Leitch, 73, Larwill, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

Mr. Leitch was born May 2, 1928, in Noble County, to Noah and Edna (Diffendarfer) Leitch. He spent his early childhood on the family farm near Churubusco, and his early school years were spent in the Huckleberry School in Noble County. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1946.

After completing his education, he was first employed as a home delivery bread route salesman for the Nickles Bakery. In the late 1950s he owned and operated Leitch Brothers Shell Service in Albion. He retired from Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne in June of 1990.

On Aug. 31, 1960, he married Alice Jean Harter. The couple always made their home in Larwill, except for a year and a half spent in Albion. Mrs. Leitch died on Feb. 28, 1987.

Mr. Leitch was affiliated with the Larwill United Methodist Church.

Surviving are four daughters, Cheryl (Donald) Shaw of Kendallville, Melinda Leitch of Larwill, Carolyn (Steven) Dirck of Warsaw and Karen Price; two sons, Kerry (Bobbi) Leitch of Kendallville and John (Janelle) Leitch of Larwill; two sisters, Marie (Robert) Strater of Kendallville and Vera Applegate of Harlan; a brother, Laurell (Mary Anna) Leitch of Churubusco; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and one step great-granddaughter.

Services will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2002 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with the Rev. Todd Wilson, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Oswego, officiating. Calling will be from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill.

Memorials may be made to the American heart Fund or the American Diabetes Association.

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Virginia Parker

ALBION - Virginia E. Parker, 74, of rural Albion, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at the family home in York Township, where she had resided since 1952.

She was a homemaker and attended Merriam Christian Chapel. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1945, and was raised in the Merriam area.

She was born in Noble County July 17, 1927, to Tonda and Mary (Winebrenner) Keister. On Feb. 12, 1949, she married Alton W. Parker, and he survives.

Also surviving are five sons and four daughter-in-laws, Dennis and Becky, Dudley and Colleen, DeLane and Val, Darrin and Rhonda and Danny Parker, all of Albion; a daughter, Darla Jo Parker of Indianapolis; a brother, Paul Keister of Albion; two sisters nd brothers-in-law, Pauline nd Ralph Bair of Churubusco nd Eileen and Harold Zumbrun of Columbia City; nd 13 grandchildren.

Services were held on aturday, February 23, 2002 at erriam Christian Chapel with he Rev. Terry A. Zolman fficiating. Burial was in hristian Chapel Cemetery, erriam.

Memorials are to the church r the American Cancer ociety. Condolences may be -mailed to: ympathy@sheetsfuneralhome. om.

William Conner Edsall, 78

FORT WAYNE - William Conner Edsall, 78, died Friday, February 22, 2002 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born in Albion and raised in Albion, Kendallville and Fort Wayne. His friends and family knew him to embrace nature and love working with his hands. He was a decorated WWII Army veteran, serving under George S. Patton at Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge in the 3rd Battalion 11th Infantry. He received numerous medals for his bravery, including a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He retired in 1987 as a clerk from National Mills Supply Company after 42 years. He was a devoted husband to Elizabeth "Betty" (Schone), who died in 1997. He was most proud of his 12 children, 36 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren, all of whom he loved dearly.

William was preceded in death by his father and mother, Merle "Grady" Edsall and Ruth (Kirkpatrick) Barnes, his brothers, James, and Pierre, a half-brother, Russell, and two daughters, Charlene Rita and Eva Marie. Surviving are six daughters, Ruth Schaper of Columbia City, Mary Burns, Rose Doetsch, and Patricia Fox, all of Fort Wayne, Therese Miller and Elizabeth Hoy, both of Leo-Cedarville, and four sons, William of Montpelier, Charles of Sparks, Nevada, David of Fort Wayne, and Paul of Muncie.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, February 27, 2002 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery, with military rites by the U. S Army. Memorials to donor's choice.

Jerry Taylor

KIMMEL-Jerry E. Taylor, 60, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne,

He worked for Monaco Coach in Wakarusa and served in the U. S. Army from 1963 to 1969. He was a member of Wolf Lake VFW Post 4717, American Legion Post 246 in Albion and Eagles Aerie 3760 of Syracuse.

He was born on July 11, 1941, in Noble County. He married Edna Yoder on Oct. 31, 1967 in Ligonier. She preceded him in death on Oct. 8, 1987.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Doris and Kenny Thorn of Columbia City and Dora and Paul Gingerich of Larwill; a son, Danie Taylor of Kimmell; seven brothers, James, Ronald, Larry and Joe Taylor, all of Ligonier, Robert Taylor of Wolf Lake, Harry Taylor of Albion and Richard Taylor of Cromwell; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Beverly and Bud Todd of Albion and Sharon Young of Kimmell; four grandchildren, Josh, Crystal, Andrew and Chelsea; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002 at Kimmell United Methodist Church, with Pastor Craig Myer officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery. American Legion Post 246 of Albion performed military graveside services. An Eagles memorial service was held on Friday, Feb. 22, 2002 at the Orr Funeral Home in Albion.

William Henry Dunbar, 76

ALLEGAN, Mich - William Henry Dunbar, 76, formerly of Ligonier, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, at Burgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

He lived in Ligonier for 15 years before moving to Michigan. He had been a machinery repairman for Dana Corp. in Syracuse, retiring in 1987. He was A World War II U. S. Army veteran. He enjoyed spending time with his dog, Wilbur.

He was born Oct. 1, 1925, in Milburn, W. Va., to James Preston and Elizabeth (Wriston) Dunbar. He married Ruth Burdette in Fayetteville, W. Va., in 1946, and she survives in Allegan, Mich.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dickie and Louise Dunbar of Oceanside, Calif., Kenny and Carol Dunbar of Rittman, Ohio, and Keith and Lisa Dunbar of Wawaka; a daughter, Betty Sue Dunbar of Elkhart; seven children; and lifelong friends Phillip and Hazell Morris Sr. of Allegan.

A son, William Jr., a brother, James Dunbar Jr. and two sisters, Mary Dickerson and Annalee White, preceded him in death.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 25, 2002 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Mary Smith

LIGONIER — Mary E. Smith, 85, died Feb. 27, 2002, at Oak Leaf Village in Ligonier.

She was employed by Ligonier businesses Wirk Garment, Sorg's and Shrock's Greenhouse. She enjoyed watching Indiana University basketball and Chicago Cubs baseball. She loved cooking for her family and visits from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was born April 8, 1916, in Dunkirk, Ohio, to Dale C. and Leon (Gardner) Hayes. She was a lifetime resident of Ligonier.

She married Kenny Smith on June 6, 1946, in Angola. They celebrated 55 years of marriage in June 2001. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rick Smith of Ligonier and Kirk and Denise Smith of Jasper; a daughter and son-in-law, Dee Ann and Jim Mehl of Ligonier; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Gerald Hayes.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Rev. Jim Farrer of Ligonier United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Lawrence Lee

AUBURN — Lawrence "Timer" Lee, 82, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, at his home on Elm Street in Auburn.

Mr. Lee worked for Daily Asphalt for 20 years, retiring in 1982. He lived in Fort Myers, Fla., from 1982 to 1997.

He was born Jan. 26, 1920, in Van Wert County, Ohio, to John A. and Myrtle (Hardin) Lee.

He married Katherine Copeland on April 9, 1949, in the Auburn Methodist Church. She died Feb. 7, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Evana and Jerry Keener of Newville and Judy and Stanley Freeman of Auburn; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Joan and John Weimer of Auburn, Mary Sue and Harry Hoham of Auburn, and Diane and Edwin Perkins of Kendallville; four sisters, Meda Brons of Harlingen, Texas, Thelma Funk of Hasty, Ark., and Thresa Smith of Auburn and Carol Panyard of Jimmerson Lake, Angola; three brothers, Ralph of Lake Placid, Fla., and Robert and Donald, both of Auburn; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Four brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Doug Barber officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Wilma Fortier

KENTWOOD, Mich. — Wilma J. Fortier, 68, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at home.

She was born in Fort Wayne and worked for 17 years as a computer operator at International Harvester.

She is survived by a former husband, Doug of Rome City.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kimberly K. of Savannah, Ga., and Kelly Annette Fortier of Orlando, Fla.; a son, Keith R. of Kentwood; three brothers, Albert L. Ferry of Jensen Beach, Fla., Charles Ferry of Grabill and Robert J. Ferry of Fort Wayne; a sister, Martha L. Crider of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens. Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice.

Services Held

SOUTH MILFORD — Funeral services for **Louise Hicks** were 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at the Independent Baptist Church, South Milford. The Rev. Willie Collins officiated.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Burial was in Brushy Prairie Cemetery in LaGrange County. Pallbearers were Hal Barker, Tony Grimes, Micheal Vanderpool, Arvin Knox Jr., Kenneth Cassiday and Robert Christian.

Ruth Knappenberger

ROME CITY — Ruth I. (Koonsman) Knappenberger, 95, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, at her daughter's residence.

She worked for Brummets Hardware Store and Clay Equipment in Fort Wayne until her retirement in 1971. She was a member of Poplar Grove United Methodist Church in rural Kokomo and Faith Missionary Church in Fort Wayne. She graduated from Burlington High School in 1925 and in 1927 received a degree from Kokomo Business College.

Mrs. Knappenberger

She was born June 26, 1906, in Howard County to Carl and Sarah (Knight) Koonsman. She married Orval L. Knappenberger Dec. 16, 1931. He preceded her in death April 10, 1964. She was also preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, Elmer and Albina Koonsman of Kokomo; and a sister and brother-in-law, Grace and Morris Forlow of Frankfort.

Surviving are a daughter, Marjorie Taylor of Rome City; two sons, Richard Knappenberger of Fort Wayne and Gary Knappenberger of Yulee, Fla.; nine grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Poplar Grove United Methodist Church in Kokomo. The Rev. John Newman will officiate. Burial is in South Union Cemetery in Kokomo.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Geraldine Cook

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Geraldine J. Cook, 84, formerly of Fort Wayne and Wolcottville, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002.

She was a past worthy matron of the Fort Wayne chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert W. Cook; a daughter, Roberta Meeks; two brothers and one sister.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Johnston of Fort Wayne; a son, Larry R. Cook of Houston, Texas; two sisters, Reva Shaffner of Columbus, Ohio, and Vyrl Myers of Okeechobee, Fla.; a brother, Lawrence Mellinger of Colorado; three grandchildren, John Porter of Houston, Jacqueline McGuire of Fort Wayne and Robert Cook of California; and six great-grandchildren.

No local services are scheduled. Lee Memorial Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Hope Hospice House, 9470 Healthpark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

Louise Rhodes

FORT WAYNE — Louise E. Rhodes, 80, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in LaGrange and worked for Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., retiring in 1982.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lowen G. Rhodes Sr., who died in 1983.

Surviving are two sons, Lowen "Butch" Rhodes Jr. of Elkhart and Larry Rhodes Sr. of Camarillo, Calif.; two brothers, Ralph Grant and Oscar Grant, both of White Pigeon, Mich.; a sister, Paulyne Wagner of Three Rivers, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial is in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society of Allen County.

Barbara Molargik

FORT WAYNE — Barbara Jean Molargik, 46, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital.

The Bluffton native worked as a specialist issuer for Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.

She is survived by her husband, Rich.

Also surviving are a daughter, Angela M. Ansberry, serving in the U.S. Army in Korea; a son, Nicholas of Fort Wayne; her father and stepmother, Robert J. and Rita Ansberry of Fort Wayne; a brother, Gary S. Ansberry of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Theresa M. Bickle and Carol S. Underwood, both of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Diane R. Yagel of Leesburg; two stepbrothers, Michael Strasser of Leo-Cedarville and Steven Strasser of Angola; and two stepsisters, Cindy Reynolds of Fort Wayne and Linda Vansant of Southpoint, Ohio.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church. Burial is in Ege Cemetery in Noble County.

Calling is from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. today, and one hour prior to services.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Nicholas Molargik Education Fund.

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Lillie Ritchie

KIMMELL — Lillie "Cricket" Ritchie, 58, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, at her home.

She was a homemaker. She was born Feb. 17, 1944, to James Francis and Gertrude "Gertie" Purvis. She married Robert B. Ritchie on Jan. 25, 1963, in Fisty, Ky. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bobby G. and Kimberly Ritchie of Brimfield; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Stanley Meyers of Kimmell; seven grandchildren, Jeremy Ritchie and Nolen, Craig, Amy, Alonna, Tianna and Cameron Meyers; two brothers, Kernal and Alex Thomas Francis, both of Fisty; four sisters, Marie Napier and Opel Ritchie of Fisty, Nancy Jones of Clay City, Ky., and Mae Stacy of Maybee, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a son, Tony G. Ritchie, and three sisters, Gertie Faye Singleton, Lucille Ritchie and Zinnia Mallory.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. The Rev. Leburn Combs of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville will officiate. Burial is in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **James Thomas Kerns** were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville. The Rev. Stan Kessler officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Active pallbearers were Calvin Armstrong, David Button, Michael Dunlap, Hal Kerns-Mares, Matthew Mazzola and Frank Schiffli.

Honorary pallbearers were Donald Clemente, William S. Miller Sr., William S. Miller Jr., William Soboslay and Donald Waldron.

Kendallville VFW Post 2749 conducted graveside military services.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Paul E. Hile** were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home. The Revs. Mitchell Hile and James Toole officiated. Burial will be at a later date.

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Esther Murphy

AVILLA — Esther L. Murphy, 92, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a former resident of Fort Wayne. She was a past Queen of the Daughters of the Nile and former president of the North Side High School PTA in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Forest Park Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born on Sept. 21, 1909, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Ray and Sylvia (Beree) Harris. She married Frank L. Murphy on Nov. 29, 1928, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on Sept. 25, 1996. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Larry, Randy and Max Harris, and a sister, Helen Fettig.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Patrick Kelty of Rome City and Linda and Ralph Holler of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Robert Skarie of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Lindenwood Cemetery Chapel. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home Activities Fund.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Silas Acres

ALBION — Silas Acres, 92, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002, at his home.

He was employed for 20 years by O&W Railroad before going to work for Preston Products in Kendallville and then No Sag Spring Co. He was a member of Pine Hill Baptist Church in Tennessee.

He was born on March 15, 1909, in Oneida, Tenn., to Rhoads and Bertha (Reed) Acres. He resided in Oneida until 1943, when he moved to Rome City.

He married Sadie Tramel on July 15, 1928, and in 1970 they moved to a farm south of Albion. She preceded him in death on May 25, 1990. He was also preceded in death by two sons, Audes "Ace" Acres and Garvel Acres, and a daughter, Maudlean Faulkner.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dairl and Donna Acres of Kendallville, Carl and Sue Acres of Riverton, Wyo., and Doyle and Paula Acres of Albion; two brothers, Milford Acres and Argie Acres, both of Oneida; a sister, Eva Davis of Oneida; 18 grandchildren; and several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Bishop Benny Archer, Lee Brickey and Steve Halsey will officiate. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery in Whitley County.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Albion Apostolic Youth Camp.

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Lenora Leitch

WOLF LAKE — Lenora Jean Leitch, 74, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002, at 1:35 p.m. in Wayne County Hospital in Monticello, Ky.

Mrs. Leitch

Mrs. Leitch worked for Luckey Hospital in Wolf Lake, Linvill Memorial Hospital in Columbia City, Whitley County Memorial Hospital, the Weatherhead Co. in Columbia City, St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne and the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, retiring from Sacred Heart Home.

She was born May 30, 1927, in Noble County to Prentiss and Dortha J. (Dazy) Miller.

When she was 4, her family moved to Wolf Lake. After graduating from Wolf Lake High School, she received her nursing degree from the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne.

She married Theron "Whitey" Leitch on Sept. 4, 1948, and he survives. They lived in the Wolf Lake area and, since 1986, spent the winter months in Monticello, Ky.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Steven Leitch of Fredericksburg, Va., and William V. and Frances Leitch of Wolf Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Lawrence Engle of Springfield, Ohio; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Monna and Forrest Parks of Avilla and Lecinda and Robert Keisling of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Todd Albert Leitch and Lynn Edward Leitch.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Dan Carlson, pastor of the Wolf Lake Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's favorite charity.

Mary Miller

MENTOR, Ohio — Mary June Miller, 79, of Concord, Ohio, and formerly of Elkhart, passed away Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, in Heartland of Mentor Nursing Home at Mentor, Ohio.

Mrs. Miller served as the assessor of Concord Township in Elkhart County, retiring in 1994. She had lived with her daughter in Concord, Ohio, since 1997.

She frequently appeared as an oratorio soloist, as well as in the operatic and recital repertoire in the Midwest and on the East Coast. She was a soloist at First Church of Christ Scientist in Elkhart for over 25 years, and a prominent teacher of voice in the Elkhart area.

She was a past member of the board of directors of the Michiana Ballet Association, Elkhart Symphony, Commission for Historic and Cultural Preservation and the Legislative Commission for Indiana Assessors.

She also was a member of the Elkhart County Democratic Women's Club and was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Evan Bayh in 1993 for her humanity in living, loyalty in friendship, wisdom in counsel and inspiration in leadership.

She was born June 30, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Stanley and Rhodella (Johnson) Devitt.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Leslie Roberts of Concord, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Linda Miller of Elkhart; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 23, 2002, at 11 a.m. in Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home of Elkhart. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Polly Turner Massey

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Polly Turner Massey, 74, of Cub Run, Ky., died Thursday afternoon, Feb. 28, 2002, at Caverna Memorial Hospital in Horse Cave, Ky., following a lingering illness.

She was a former resident of Williams County, Ohio.

Mrs. Massey retired as a nurse's aide at Caverna Memorial Hospital. She was a member of the Macedonia United Baptist Church.

She was born in Stockholm, Ky., in Edmonson County to Franklin and Dorothy (Byrns) Kerr.

She was married to Richard Turner and later to Henderson Massey. Both husbands preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Barbara Turner and Lee and Penny Turner, all of Pioneer, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Wayne Firestone of Edon, Ohio; 18 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren and several step-grandchildren; two sisters, Nelda Prather of Munfordville, Ky., and Joyce Buehrer of Wauseon, Ohio; five brothers, Rudolph Kerr of Campbellsville, Ky., Jack Kerr of Munfordville, Ky., Don Kerr of Swanton, Ohio, Russ Kerr of Cub Run, Ky., and Elery Kerr of Denver, Colo.; a special friend of 25 years, Glenford Otto Logsdon; a stepdaughter and her husband, Dottie and Howard Massie of Houma, La..; and a stepson, Louis Sambo Massey of Houma, La.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, two stepsons, two sisters and two brothers.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 11 .m. in Obsorn Cemetery, Hillsdale County, Mich., with Pastor Terry Baldwin officiating.

Calling is Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier, Ohio.

Memorials are to The Salvation Army.

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Agnes Culbertson

Mrs. Culbertson

AUBURN — Agnes H. Culbertson, 101, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, at 2:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Culbertson worked at Auburn Rubber Co. for 16 1/2 years before retiring in 1958. She was an active volunteer with the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program.

She was born Nov. 27, 1900, in Paulding, Ohio, to Paul and Mary Helen (Knott) Leis.

She married Ross Culbertson on Sept. 29, 1921, in Hillsdale, Mich. He died Sept. 11, 1982.

Surviving are three sons, Donald K. Culbertson of St. Joe, Richard "Dick" Culbertson of Bradenton, Fla. and Eugene "Gene" Culbertson of Auburn; a daughter, DeEtta Close of Auburn; two sisters, Angeline Jackson and Grace Burdinski, both of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Paul and Arthur Culbertson; one daughter, Wilma Beuchel; four brothers, Pete, Alfred, Ambrose and Sylvester; and three sisters, Bertha, Pauline and Veronica.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Beverly Emrick

CHURUBUSCO — Beverly E. Emrick, 76, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, at 4:20 a.m. at her home in Churubusco.

Mrs. Emrick had been in declining health for some time and had been more seriously ill for the past two weeks.

She had been the payroll supervisor at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville for 27 years. She retired in 1973.

Mrs. Emrick was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville and the Gene Stratton Porter Memorial Society.

She was born April 11, 1925, in Kendallville to Orea and Alice (Jones) Mulholland. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1943.

She married Emerson M. Emrick on June 12, 1945, and he survives. The couple lived in Kendallville before moving to Churubusco in 1974.

Also surviving are a brother, Orea "Tony" Mulholland of Kendallville, and a great-niece, Jessica Boyd of Pleasant Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Oliva Campbell; and a nephew, Larry Campbell.

At the request of Mrs. Emrick, there will be no public services or calling hours. Burial will take place at a later date at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Gene Stratton Porter Society or the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville.

Beulah Smith

BUTLER — Beulah Smith, 83, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at 4:40 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Smith was a machine operator at Universal Tool in Butler for 24 years before retiring in 1980.

She was a member of the Alvarado United Methodist Church in Hamilton.

She was born May 13, 1918, in Dolphin, Pa., to Alfred and Anna Dietrich.

She married Earl Banks Miller in 1937. He died in 1944.

In 1959, she married Morris L. Smith, who died in 1985.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and William Lee, Tillie and Dale Wildeson and Judy and Lewis A. Ault, all of Butler; 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; and 6 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Earl "Sonny" Miller; one grandson, five brothers and five sisters.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Alvarado United Methodist Church, 800 E. Metz Road, Hamilton, with the Rev. Mike Halferty and the Rev. Richard Donges officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Alvarado United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Marie Fisher

AUBURN — M. Marie Fisher, 94, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Mrs. Fisher was a homemaker and was retired as a beautician at the Clip & Curl Beauty Shop, Decatur. She was a member of the Women of the Moose, St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Decatur and Faith Circle.

She was born Aug. 12, 1907, in Adams County to David and Dora (Knodel) Ritter.

She married Orval D. Fisher on Nov. 19, 1929. He died Nov. 11, 1990. Also preceding her in death were a brother, Carl Ritter, and a sister, Blanche Merriman.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Evelyn McAlhany and Alice Little, both of Auburn, and Ellenora and Lloyd Dunwiddie of Allegan, Mich.; two brothers, Earl Ritter of Roseville, Mich., and Ralph Ritter of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Toni and Tim McAlhany, both of Auburn; Suzanne Hazen of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Kelly and Erin Dunwiddie, both of Allegan, Mich.; four great-grandchildren, Jennifer Borden of Graham, N.C., Rob McAlhany of Auburn and Stephanie and Jared Hazen of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, with the Rev. Fuhrman Miller officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Shelter in DeKalb County.

Patrick Murray

WATERLOO — Patrick James Murray, 36, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at 10 a.m. at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Murray worked for Airway Manufacturing in Waterloo and worked as a mechanic at Uniroyal Goodrich in Woodburn for the past 10 years.

He was a member of United Steel Workers Local 715 and a 1982 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was born April 18, 1965, to Michael and Veronica (Heaton) Murray in Bolton, Lancashire, England. His parents survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a special friend, Susan Cobbs of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Leigh Murray of Fort Wayne, and Mike and Judy Murray of Angola; three nephews, Alexander Murray, Mathew Wilcox and Samuel Wilcox; a niece, Madolyn Murray; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins living in the United States and United Kingdom.

Services will be held Friday at 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Kathy Miller

ROME CITY — Kathy Jo Miller, 47, of Rome City, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and lived most of her life in LaGrange and Noble counties.

She was born Feb. 7, 1955, in LaGrange to Zopher and Esther L. (Marchand) Randol. They preceded her in death.

She married Martin Lee Miller Oct. 20, 1973, in LaGrange, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Anjo and Thomas Chitwood of Rome City; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph L. and Michelle Miller of Wolcottville; a sister, Brenda Sayer of Ashley; a brother, Terry Randol of Ashley; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the LaGrange Baptist Church, 1370 N. S.R. 9, LaGrange, with the Rev. Jeffrey Farnham officiating. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at LaGrange Baptist Church.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Baptist Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Tina Myers

AVILLA — Tina L. Myers, 44, [illegible] Avilla, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker and a member of the Fellowship Bible Church in Kendallville and the Liberty Mills Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed ceramics and painting.

She was born Dec. 30, 1957 in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Carl O. Myers of Avilla; her mother and stepfather, Harriet M. and Josef R. Smereczuk of Fort Wayne; her father and stepmother, Martin R. and Martha Houser of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Mark R. Houser and Michael A. Houser, both of Fort Wayne; and a stepsister, Gaby Fronk, who lives in Germany.

A daughter, Jamie Marie Myers, died as an infant in 1989.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Chapel, Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana Northeast Chapter.

Glenn Butler

ONEONTA, Ala. — Glenn Allen Butler, 73, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, in Scottsboro, Ala.

Mr. Butler had lived in Oneonta for 10 years and worked for Rust Engineering in Birmingham, Ala.

He was born Oct. 22, 1928, in Fort Wayne, to Cecil E. and Lillian (Christian) Butler. He grew up in Grabill.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Nancy Butler of Fort Wayne, and Kirsten and Steve Sanderford of Richmond, Va.; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Gary A. and Linda Butler of Brighton, Mich., and Richard E. Butler of Scottsboro, Ala. and Snow Lake; a brother and two sisters-in-law, Lyle Eugene and Nancy Butler of Carmel, and Marjorie Butler of Waterloo; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Clyde Butler of Waterloo.

Private memorial services will be held at Cedar Lake Church of Christ in rural Waterloo.

Clarence Gray

LIGONIER — Clarence Gray, 90, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, at Goshen General Hospital.

He worked as a self-employed handyman and resided in Kimmell for many years prior to moving to Ligonier.

He was born Jan. 11, 1912, in Tiffin, Ohio, to Elijah and Mame Gray.

Surviving are two friends, Dave and Geri Vinson of Ligonier.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Celebrant Larry Baker will officiate.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Hess

HOWE — Margaret R. Hess, 76, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at Goshen General Hospital.

She taught English and Spanish at Lakeland High School and Lima High School. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Sturgis, Mich. She enjoyed life at Klinger Lake, gardening, animals, travel and playing bridge.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree from Ball State University and received her master's degree from Western Michigan University.

She was born on April 8, 1925, in Eaton to Floyd and Ruth (Racer) Zigler. She married William F. Hess on May 20, 1950, in Eaton. He survives at Klinger Lake, Sturgis.

Also surviving are a son, John William Hess of Howe; a daughter, Linda Hess O'Dell of Mammoth Lakes, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Sturgis. The Rev. Bob Keim will officiate.

There will be no visitation. Cremation has taken place.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to Pet Haven in Sturgis.

John Lyon

FORT WAYNE — John "Jack" C. Lyon, 68, died Saturday, March 2, 2002.

The Noblesville native worked for 20 years as an accountant and plant manager for Central Soya in Decatur, retiring in 1982.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia.

Surviving are two sons, Bart and Joseph Wayne, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jennifer Koslakiewicz of Fairview, Mich.; a sister, Cloe Kidd of Ligonier; his fiancee, Judy Calhoun of Indianapolis; and 10 grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Randall Robert Funeral Home in Noblesville. Burial is in Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Calling is 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling is also 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday at Randall Roberts Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Joyce Ann Felger

FORT WAYNE — Joyce Ann Felger, 62, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, at Hospice Home.

The Fort Wayne native worked as a bookkeeper for the I.U.E. Local 901 until her retirement in 2000.

Surviving are her mother, Lena Felger of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Laurie S. Wendling-Henderson of New Baltimore, Mich.; two sons, Michael E. Wendling of Dallas and David A. Wendling of Plano, Texas; two brothers, Jim Felger and Dan Felger, both of Ossian; three sisters, Linda Howard of Noblesville, Teri Mitzner of Wolcottville and Jenny Beckner of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home with calling one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Emanuel Caywood

FORT WAYNE — Emanuel "Cay" J. Caywood, 88, died Sunday, March 3, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He worked as a mechanic for 23 years, retiring in 1978. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking and making clocks. He was a member of Brookside Community Church, Masonic Lodge 731, F & AM Southgate, York Rite and Scottish Rite, and Mizpah Shrine. He was a resident of Fort Wayne for 61 years.

He was born Sept. 6, 1913, in Steuben County. He married his wife, Hilda, on April 15, 1936, in Angola. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are four sons, Donald D. Caywood of Auburn, James E. Caywood of Waverly, Ohio, Dale A. Caywood of Wolcottville and Michael Caywood of Huntertown; a daughter, Diana J. Frey of Granger; a brother, Alonzo P. Caywood of Angola; a sister, Mary E. Outcalt of Warsaw; 23 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Wendell Caywood; three sisters, Vivian Rosseau, Naomi M. Fisher and Marjorie Johnstone; and one brother, Gerald Caywood.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lake Avenue Funeral Home. Burial is in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to the Shriners Crippled Children Hospital.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Funeral services for **Lillie "Cricket" Ritchie** were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 2, 2002 at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. The Rev. Leburn Combs officiated.

Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Pallbearers were C.D. Jones, Stan Meyers, Andrew Ritchie, Ron Ritchie, Austin Godsey and Truman Ritchie Jr.

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Dick Clifford

COLUMBIA CITY — Dick L. Clifford Jr., 51, died Sunday, March 3, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The Columbia City native worked most recently for BRC Rubber in Churubusco. He was also employed by S&L Truck Stop, Station House, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Bob Evans of Warsaw. He was also a carrier for the Post & Mail of Columbia City. He formerly served as treasurer of Community of Hope Grace Brethren Church.

Surviving are his wife, Becky; a daughter, Karianna Clifford of Columbia City; a brother, Steven W. Clifford of Churubusco; and three stepbrothers, Ralph Craig of Arizona, Jerry Craig of Fort Wayne and Jack Craig of Columbia City.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial is in Eberhard Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Karianna M. Clifford Education Fund.

Martha Stout

BUTLER — Martha L. Stout, 84, of Butler, died Monday, March 4, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Stout was a homemaker and a former member of Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna. She enjoyed word searches, puzzles and baking.

She was born Aug. 25, 1917, to Frank and Anna Hunt.

Her husband, Raymond, preceded her in death in 1976.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Janet Stout of Crossville, Tenn.; one sister, Pauline Murrell of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Rick Stout of Lake Orion, Mich., Rusty Stout of Kendallville, Jody Laub of Hamilton and Randy Stout of Waterloo.

Four brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Services Held

KOKOMO — Services for **Ruth I. Knappenberger** were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 2, 2002, at Poplar Grove United Methodist Church in Kokomo.

The Rev. John Newman officiated. Burial was in South Union Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mark Farren, Eric, David and Nick Knappenberger, Steve Miller and Kelley Kemp. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Lenora Jean Leitch, 74

WOLF LAKE-Lenora Jean Leitch, 74, a resident of Wolf Lake, died at 1:35 pm Thursday in the Wayne County Hospital, Monticello, Kentucky.

She was born on May 30, 1927 in Noble County, a daughter of Prentiss and Dortha J. Dazy Miller. At the age of four, her family moved to Wolf Lake where she spent her formative years. After graduating from the Wolf Lake High School, she received her nursing degree from the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne.

She was first employed at the Luckey Hospital in Wolf Lake, later the Linvill Memorial Hospital in Columbia City, then, the Whitley County Memorial Hospital. She worked for several years at the Weatherhead Company in Columbia City, then, the St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne and retired from the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

On September 4, 1948, she was united in marriage to Theron "Whitey" Leitch and they have spent their married life in the Wolf Lake area since 1986, they have spent the winter months in Monticello, Kentucky.

The surviving relatives include her husband, Theron; two sons, Steven Leitch, Fredericksburg, Virginia, William V. (Frances) Leitch, Wolf Lake; a daughter, Marjorie (Lawrence) Engle, Springfield, Ohio; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; two sisters, Monna (Forrest) Parks, Avilla and Lecinda (Robert) Keisling, Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Todd Albert Leitch and Lynn Edward Leitch.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at the Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with the Rev. Dan Carlson, pastor of the Wolf Lake Baptist Church, officiating. The burial was in the Wolf Lake Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Silas Acres, 92

ALBION-Silas Acres, 92, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002, at his home.

He was employed for 20 years by O & W Railroad before going to work for Preston Products in Kendallville and then No Sag Spring Co. He was a member of Pine Hill Baptist Church in Tennessee.

He was born on March 15, 1909, in Oneida, Tenn., to Rhoads and Bertha (Reed) Acres. He resided in Oneida until 1943, when he moved to Rome City.

He married Sadie Tramel on July 15, 1928, and in 1970 they moved to a farm south of Albion. She preceded him in death on May 25, 1990. He was also preceded in death by two sons, Audes "Ace" Acres and Garvel Acres, and a daughter, Maudlean Faulkner.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dairl and Donna Acres of Kendallville, Carl and Sue Acres of Riverton, Wyo., and Doyle and Paula Acres of Albion; two brothers, Milford Acres and Argie Acres, both of Oneida; a sister, Eva Davis of Oneida; 18 grandchildren; and several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Bishop Benny Archer, Lee Brickey and Steve Halsey will officiate. Burial was in Nolt Cemetery in Whitley County.

Memorials are to Albion Apostolic Youth Camp.

In God's Care

Ray C. Shroyer
March 4, 1994

Always in my heart
Ann

Homer Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Homer E. Bontrager, 78, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at his home.

He was a retired farmer and worked for the Riegseckers in Shipshewana, where he gave horse-drawn carriage tours.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church and loved horses. He was a lifelong resident of LaGrange County.

He was born July 23, 1923, in LaGrange County to Eli and Anna (Yoder) Bontrager. He married Minnie Miller on April 11, 1946, in Shipshewana. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and LaVern Miller of Millersburg; two sons and daughters-in-law, Howard and Rose and Earl and Mary Bontrager, all of Shipshewana; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Wilma and Amos Miller, Edna and Harvey Farmwald and Lizzie and Lewis Hochstetler, all of Shipshewana; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Levi and Edna Bontrager of Topeka and Alton and Arlene Bontrager of Middlebury; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are two half sisters, Fannie Miller of Millersburg and Lovina Whetstone and her husband, Sam Whetstone, of Middlebury; and a sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Bontrager of Shipshewana.

A brother, Harley Bontrager, and a granddaughter, Inez Bontrager, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Ervin R. Bontrager residence in Shipshewana, with the Bishop Ervin Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial is in Lehman Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling is after 1 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the Ervin R. Bontrager residence.

Terry Randol

ASHLEY — Terry D. Randol, 50, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 5:45 a.m. in his Ashley home.

He and his wife owned Terry Randol Small Engine Repair and Enchanted Forest Mobile Home & R.V. Park in Okeechobee, Fla. He was also in retail management in Ocala, Fla., and worked at Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Garrett until his illness. He was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church.

Mr. Randol

Mr. Randol was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam and Germany. He enjoyed outdoor activities, hunting, fishing and ice fishing.

He was born Oct. 22, 1951, in LaGrange to Zopher R. "Butch" and Esther (Marchand) Randol.

He married Jo-Elaine Kribbs on July 29, 1983 in Ocala, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Christine Hefty of Waterloo; two sons, Doug of Missouri and Terry Jr. of Auburn; a stepdaughter and special friend, Linda Crampton of Pittsburgh, Pa.; a sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Steve Sayer of Ashley; a brother-in-law, Marty Miller of Rome City; four grandchildren, two nieces and two nephews.

A sister, Kathy Miller, two uncles and one aunt preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Independent Full Gospel Church, 2372 State Road 4, Ashley, with calling there after noon. The Rev. Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery with military graveside services.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Richard Salesman

CHURUBUSCO — Richard L. Salesman, 72, died Tuesday, March 5, at his home.

He owned D & H Car Wash in Churubusco since 1967 and was co-owner of another local business, Salesman & Son Trucking Inc., which he founded in 1956. He was a race car driver for Floyd's Auto Sales in Churubusco, competing in the 1952 Daytona 500 and often racing at the South Anthony Speedway in Fort Wayne. He also worked for 22 years as a bus driver for Smith-Green Community School Corp.

Mr. Salesman

He served on the Churubusco Zoning Board and with the Churubusco Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church-Lake Township. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

He was born in Columbia City on March 10, 1929, to Frank and Lillie Mae (Herron) Salesman. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1947. He married Dorothy Hyndman on June 5, 1948, in Allen County. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Teresa Salesman of Churubusco; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Karen and Daryl Rapp of Katy, Texas, Diane and Randy Zolman of Churubusco and Kathi Engle, also of Churubusco; and seven grandchildren, Sarah Rapp, Amy Zolman, Andrew Zolman, Alayne Engle, Jonathan Engle, Amanda Salesman and Allyson Salesman.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Sievers.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church-Lake Township in Fort Wayne. Pastor Ralph Easterhaus will officiate. Burial is in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling is one hour prior to services and from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran Church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice in Columbia City.

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Lucille Shippy

KENDALLVILLE — Lucille Esselburn Shippy, 95, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

James Capen

ORLAND — James R. "Pops" Capen, 66, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, in his Orland residence.

Mr. Capen was a metallurgical engineer for Allison Gas Turbine in Indianapolis for 30 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of Theta Xi Fraternity at Purdue University, from which he graduated in 1957.

Mr. Capen

He was born March 9, 1935, in Auburn to James M. and Helen M. (Smith) Capen. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his former wife, Lyndall F. Nelson of Indianapolis; one son, James Jess Capen of Indianapolis; one daughter, Lisa Dawn Staton of Indianapolis; one sister and brother-in-law, Judith and Larry Lance of Auburn; and two stepgrandchildren, Sierra Storm and Sabea Moulton, both of Indianapolis.

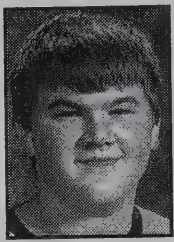
Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Kyle Johnson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Kyle D. Johnson, 15, died Monday, March 4, 2002, at LaGrange Hospital.

He was a student at Prairie Heights High School, attended the First Church of God in Columbia City and participated in the Junior Football League at Morsches Park.



Kyle Johnson

He was born Aug. 30, 1986, in Columbia City, to David and Terry (Oliver) Johnson. He attended Columbia Township School, Coesse Elementary School, and Indian Springs Middle School. He had begun his freshman year at Columbia City High School prior to transferring in November to Prairie Heights.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, David and Donna Johnson of Wolcottville; his mother and stepfather, Terry Johnson and Eugene Stephenson of Columbia City; a brother, Ted McClure of Fort Wayne; a grandmother, Arlene Johnson of Kendallville; two stepbrothers, Eugene Stephenson Jr. and his wife, Samantha Stephenson, of Hawaii, and Nathan Stephenson of Columbia City; four stepsisters, Kendra Osborne and her husband, Matt Osborne, of Fort Wayne, Dawn Hicks and Shawna Randol of Kendallville and Crystal Randol of Brimfield.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Carl and Hazel Oliver and Harold Johnson.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Pastor Donna Brandt will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Columbia City. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the Dr. Laura Schlessinger Foundation for abused and neglected children.

Dorothy Beasley

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy C. Beasley, 78, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at her daughter's home.

She worked as a secretary for various attorneys, a state senator and a physician. She later worked as an accountant for several contractors, including her brother, Earl M. Childrey. As a resident of Richmond, Va., she volunteered at McGuire Veterans Hospital and various nursing homes there.

She was a charter member and first vice president of Women in Construction for Virginia. During World War II she served as a block chairman for the Civil Defense. She was a member of Boulevard United Methodist Church in Richmond.

She was born July 28, 1923, in Richmond to Joseph and Dorothy (Cousins) Childrey. She lived most of her adult life in Richmond, moving to the Kendallville area in 1976 to be near her daughter, Vickie Beasley Herr. She survives there with her husband, Dennis Herr.

Also surviving are three granddaughters, Valerie Conkey of Kendallville, Michele Herr of Albany, N.Y., and Stephanie Herr of Indianapolis; a grandson, Corey Herr of Kendallville; a great-granddaughter, Lyndsay Conkey of Kendallville; a sister, Jean Owen of Richmond; and a brother, Earl Childrey of Richmond.

Graveside services are 2 p.m. Friday at Lakeview Cemetery. The Rev. Ken Weaver will officiate. Calling is noon-2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Benny Ricketts Sr.

GARRETT — Benny L. Ricketts Sr., 82, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 11:59 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Ricketts had worked as a supervisor at Neunam Foundry in Kendallville for 35 years, retiring in 1984.

He had lived in Butler for the past year and was a Garrett resident for 50 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and Garrett American Legion Post 178.

He was born Sept. 20, 1919, in Harvest, Ala., to Carroll E. and Willie Beatrice (Vinson) Ricketts.

He married Alice V. Countryman on April 4, 1942, in Wauseca, Minn. She survives

Also surviving are one son, Benny L. Ricketts Jr. of Garrett; one daughter, Anne Woodward of Garrett; two brothers, Henry Ricketts of Huntsville, Ala., and Everett Ricketts of Phoenix, Ariz.; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Betsy Ricketts; three grandchildren, four brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after noon. Dr. Terry Timson will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Memorials are to the Garrett Presbyterian Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

Edna Cox

NOBLE, La. — Edna M. Cox, 93, died Tuesday morning, March 5, 2002, at her son's home in Noble, La.

Mrs. Cox lived most of her adult life in Fort Wayne before moving to Branch County, Mich., about 1977. She moved to Noble in 1998.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking and needlework. After high school graduation, she attended college for two years.

She was born Sept. 27, 1908, in Montpelier, Ohio, to William D. and Minnie (Creek) Zigler.

She married Joseph K. Cox in 1933 in Fort Wayne. He died in October 1981.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Ellen Cox of Noble, a sister, Lois Smith of Harlan, a sister-in-law, Loretta Zigler of Montpelier; eight grandchildren, a great-granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

Four brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson, Mich. Graveside services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.kolcz.com.

Barbara VanGilder

MENTONE — Barbara F. VanGilder, 86, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She worked for 13 years as a teacher at schools in Mentone, New Castle, Leesburg and Etna Green. She was a member of Mentone United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Indiana University in Bloomington.

She was born May 28, 1915, in Akron, to Karl B. and Mabel K. (Leininger) Gast. She married Dr. Donald J. VanGilder June 18, 1941. He preceded her in death April 30, 1998.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Tom and Charles Gast, and a sister, Juanita Boswell.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Donna and Ibrahim Pineda of Kendallville and Martha Moussallam of Warsaw; a brother, K. Stuart Gast of Winimac; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home in Mentone. Burial is in Mentone Cemetery. Calling is 5-8 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to Mentone United Methodist Church.

Lucille Shippy

KENDALLVILLE — Lucille "Gal" Esselburn Shippy, 95, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

She worked as a cook at Dairy Queen and, with her husband, managed the Publix Motel & Restaurant. She was a 50-year member of the Eastern Star Noble Chapter 122, and a member of the Dorcas Circle at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, the Lady Democrats of Noble County, the Second Time Around Club and the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

She was born Oct. 20, 1906, in DeKalb County to Marc William and Mabel (Barnhart) Esselburn.

Mrs. Shippy

She married Robert Samuel Shippy Jan. 26, 1926, in Ligonier. He preceded her in death Oct. 2, 1977. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Vernie and Jay Esselburn, and, in January 1927, by an infant son, Robert Samuel Shippy Jr.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald Eugene and Joan Shippy of Kendallville; four grandchildren and their spouses, Marsha and Wendell Fritz, Melinda and Kevin Hamman and Donald Jr. and Nancy Shippy, all of Kendallville, and Robert and Cyndi Shippy of Angola; and nine great-grandchildren, Sam Fritz and his wife, Shannon Fritz, Robert Andrew Shippy, Molly Fritz, Kathryn Shippy, Chris Hamman, Seth Fritz, Carrie Hamman, Aaron Heinke and Lakan Shippy.

Services are Saturday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Drs. David Hogsett and Daniel Barker will officiate. Eastern Star services are 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial is in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or Shepherd of the Hill.

Mary Hayden

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Frances Hayden, 77, died Thursday, March 7, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

She graduated in 1943 from Rome City High School, going on to earn a degree in 1948 from the Ball State University School of Nursing. She worked for several years as a nurse at McCray Hospital in Kendallville and also for a short time in California.

She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville. Her hobby was spinning wool and she was a member of Kendallville's local Wool Spinners and Weavers Guild.

She was born March 8, 1924, in Kendallville to Cleo and Ruth Groh. She married Russell Lowell Hayden on Feb. 7, 1947, at the Mitchell Street Methodist Church in Kendallville. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kurt and Debbie Hayden of Kendallville; and four grandchildren, Nicholas, Zachary, Summer and Haley Hayden.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dr. Lawrence and Sheldon Groh.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Rev. James Toole will officiate. Burial is in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the Planned Parenthood Association of Northeast Indiana.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

James LeCount

CROMWELL — James C. LeCount, 75, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at his home.

He was a farmer and worked for 39 years as a foreman at Goshen Rubber, retiring in 1989. He was a member of the Ligonier Evangelical Church. He served in the U.S. Army and was a life member of the Gulf Shores, Ala., DAV.

He was born April 16, 1926, in Syracuse to Vern and Ona (Pletcher) LeCount. He married Elleanor Schrock on May 29, 1944, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Lloyd LeCount of Cromwell, Edward and Julia LeCount of Goshen, Fred and Brenda LeCount of Millersburg and Jimmie and Diane LeCount of Naples, Fla.; one daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Richard Bender of Wolcottville; one sister, Lucille Reade of Wakarusa; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant great-granddaughter; a sister, Evelyn Young; and six brothers, Eugene "Sie", Richard, LeRoy, Arnold and Buford LeCount and Robert Ganger.

Services were today at 11 a.m. at Ligonier Evangelical Church. with Assistant Pastor Steve Cox officiating. Burial was in West Goshen Cemetery.

Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital Home/Hospice Care or Ligonier Evangelical Church.

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Keith Coldren

PIERCETON — Keith B. Coldren, 79, died Thursday, March 7, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw.

The Plymouth native worked as a driver for SL Trucking, retiring after 50 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Coldren; two sons, Dan Coldren of Claypool and Kevin Coldren of Wabash; a stepson, Jerry Ervin of Cromwell; four daughters, Judy Bone and Karen Murphy, both of North Manchester, Margaret McGuire of Kokomo and Mary Jo Steininger of Akron; a stepdaughter, Linda Campbell of Warsaw; a brother, William Coldren of Warsaw; six sisters, Edna Tracy and Barbara Stewart, both of North Manchester, Betty Smith of Warsaw, Beverly Coldren of Bremen, Brenda Landis of Wabash and Beckie Burton of Lafayette; six grandchildren; 12 stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and 19 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services are Saturday at 2 p.m. at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary in North Manchester. Burial is in Oaklawn Cemetery in North Manchester.

Calling is four hours prior to services.

Dale 'Pat' Nixon

KENDALLVILLE — Dale Patrick "Pat" Nixon, 56, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at his home in Brazil, Ind.

He was a 1967 graduate of Indiana State University, Terre Haute, and worked as a case administrator for the Indiana Department of Corrections in Greencastle. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born on March 17, 1945, in Kendallville, to Dale Jerome and Mary Lea (Vetter) Nixon. He was recently preceded in death by his mother, a Garrett resident, who died Feb. 17, 2002.

Graveside memorial services for Mr. Nixon and his mother will be at a later date at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Vernon McArdle

FORT WAYNE — Vernon Dale "Mickey" McArdle, 84, of Fort Wayne, died at 10:15 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2002, at the Sunrise Assisted Living Center, Fort Wayne.

In South Bend on Aug. 21, 1917, he was born to Stephen and Rose (Berkheiser) McArdle. He married Dorothea J. Hyre. She survives.

He retired as music director at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in 1982, and formerly had been music director at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church.

He was a World War II veteran, and a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church and American Legion Post 240 in Avilla. Mr. McArdle had been an instructor with the Sefert Music Scholarship Foundation.

Surviving in addition to his wife are five daughters, Mary McArdle and Colleen Carteaux of Fort Wayne, Pat Laurenz of Harrisonburg, Va., Maureen Shea of Mooresville, and Michelle Pratt of Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine; two sons, Mike McArdle of Avilla, and Stephen McArdle of Fort Wayne; four stepdaughters, Mary Anglea Connor and Laura M. Eggers of Fort Wayne, Ellen J. Eggers of Sacramento, Calif., and Elizabeth A. Eggers of Atlanta, Ga.; a stepson, Jerry E. Eggers of San Diego, Calif.; 27 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

His first wife, Elouise, who died in 1980, a son Kevin, who died in 2001, a sister, Ruth Grimaldo, and a grandson, Patrick McArdle, preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Father Larry Kramer officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Military graveside services will be by American Legion Post 240, Avilla.

Calling is one hour before the Mass and 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Masses are to the church, and memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen or the American Cancer Society.

Betty Murphy

KIMMELL — Betty Murphy, 74, of rural Kimmell, died at 7:50 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On Dec. 6, 1927, in Dilles Bottom, Ohio, she was born to Clarence and Fredith (Palmer) Baker. On April 14, 1951, she married Cleties Murphy Jr. He survives.

She has always lived on a farm just outside Kimmell, moving to her most recent home on the farm in 1978.

She was employed at Essex in Ligonier, United Technologies in Ligonier and Topeka, and retired from United Technologies Group near Columbia City in 1995.

Mrs. Murphy attended First Pilgrim Holiness Church, Fort Wayne.

Surviving in addition to her husband are seven sisters, Annie Cimbinin of Jarrel, Texas, Carol Shields of Proctor, W.Va., Essie Lawrence and Louise Rogers of Belmont, Ohio, Ruth Borivich of St. Clairsville, Ohio, Hilda Brandon of Jacobsburg, Ohio, and Millie Sliwenski of Niles, Ohio; and three brothers, Larry Baker of Centerville, Ohio, Calib Baker of Jacobsburg, Ohio, and Jim Baker of Belmont, Ohio.

In addition to her parents, infant twin sons, an infant daughter, and a brother, Clarence Guy Baker Jr., preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Keith Asbury, of the First Pilgrim Holiness Church, officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's favorite charity.

Elaine Dykstra

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Elaine R. Dykstra, 79, New Port Richey, Fla., formerly of LaGrange, died at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at Mease Hospital, Dunedin, Fla.

On March 4, 1923, in Mankato, Minn., she was born to James D. and Agnes (Butzer) Campbell. On May 29, 1943, in Racine, Wis.., she married Clarence "Dyke" Dykstra. He survives.

She moved to LaGrange in 1980 from Plymouth, and then moved to Florida in 1986.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Timber Greens Country Club in New Port Richey and the St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Laura J. Dykstra of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Nancy J. Dykstra of Princeton, N.J.; seven sons, Mark T. Dykstra of Sarasota, Fla., Dr. Robert A. Dykstra M.D., and Dr. Thomas P. Dykstra M.D., both of Fort Wayne, John C. Dykstra of Eden Prairie, Minn., Timothy J. Dykstra of LaGrange, Gary J. Dykstra of Atlanta, Ga., and Jay D. Dykstra of Hartford, Conn.; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents, two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Masses are to the church or memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

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C.M. John Halsey

LAGRANGE — C.M. John Halsey, 77, of LaGrange, died Friday, March 8, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

In Stroh on March 2, 1923, he was born to Clarence and Clela (Dunafin) Halsey. They are deceased. He was married to Nadine H. (Coleman) Halsey in San Bernardino, Calif., on Dec. 22, 1944. She survives.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a member of Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Carolyn Patrick of LaGrange; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Rodney Hunter of Angola, and Charlotte and Wayne Janes of Sturgis, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, John D. and Diane Halsey of Topeka; a sister, Lillian Mynhier of LaGrange; 11 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Marcia Meyer

BLUFFTON — Marcia J. Meyer, 59, of Bluffton, Miss Indiana 1964, died Thursday, March 7, 2002, at home.

The Bluffton native was a court reporter, had worked at Noble County Circuit Court in Albion for three years, North-Hampton Court Systems for five different judges, and also worked free-lance.

She was a member of Bluffton Professional Women, Countryside Church of Christ in Grabill and initiated the National Day of Prayer in Bluffton.

She had worked as a missionary and ministered to children at Fremont Tomato Camp in Bluffton.

Surviving is a sister, Wilma J. Meyer, Fort Wayne.

Her parents, William and Josephine Meyer, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Thoma Rich & Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton, with calling from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Memorials are to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Ruth Heckathorn

ANGOLA — Ruth A. Heckathorn, 65, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, in her Angola residence. She was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 22, 1936, in Silver Lake, Ind., to Guy and Myrtle (Gilbert) Heckathorn. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Richard Huscher of Hamilton; one daughter, Ralynn Gibson of Ligonier; three sisters, Jeanette Huscher of Rochester, N.Y., Nancy Swathwood and Shirley Boyer; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Roger Huscher in 1979 and Ronald Huscher in 1982.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont. The Rev. Greg Rittenhouse will officiate.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

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Mary Whitt

KENDALLVILLE — Mary E. Whitt, 61, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was member of the Lighthouse Tabernacle Church in Kimmell.

Mrs. Whitt

She was born May 11, 1940, to William "Bill" and Ida (Matine) VanDyke. She married Birtie Lee Whitt on Oct. 15, 1968, in Grundy, Va. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Charolette Whitt and Osie and Dustin Tucker, all of Kendallville, Pauline Hart of Cromwell, Ellen (Patrick) and Ivan Browning of Ligonier; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Lee J. and Gertie Whitt, Arnold Whitt and Thomas Whitt, all of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; five sisters, Laura, Hanner and Polly VanDyke, Juanita Tackett, and Shelvey Justice, all of Virginia; and four brothers, Zeke, Dave and Jack VanDyke of Virginia and Junior VanDyke of Charlotte, N.C.

Two sisters, Edna and Oakey, and two brothers, Virgil and Earl, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Independent Baptist Church on S.R. 3 in South Milford, with the Rev. Glenn and the Rev. Larry Patrick officiating. Calling will be Monday after 4 p.m. at the church, with a service at 7 p.m. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. M. Sue Kahle

ORLAND — Dr. M. Sue Kahle, 57, of Lime Lake, died Friday, March 8, 2002, after a long illness.

The chair of Tri-State University's department of social sciences and humanities since June, 2000, Kahle first served as assistant professor of English for Tri-State in 1987. She also served as director of the university's English language center, which she guided and developed for five years. She left her position as a Tri-State associate professor in 1992 to serve as division chair for general education at Ivy Tech State College in Fort Wayne. She remained there until 2000, when she returned to Tri-State.

She was a native of Jamestown, N.Y., and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the State University of New York at Fredonia. She then earned a doctorate in American literature from the University of Texas at Austin. During her career, she published a number of English composition textbooks and workbooks and served as an evaluator for the regional accreditation agency, the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities.

She was born in Jamestown Nov. 3, 1944, to Clarence Kahle and Lucille Johnson Coombs.

Surviving are her mother, Lucille Coombs of Middleburgh, Fla.; a son, Philip Chapman, and his partner, Chris Simms of Austin, Texas; and a daughter, Dee Dobrie of Middleburgh, Fla.

Services will be held Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home in Angola. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to M.D. Anderson Cancer Clinic in Houston, Texas, and the Steuben County Animal Shelter.

Arthur Muzzillo

CORUNNA — Arthur Muzzillo, 80, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at his home.

He was a plant supervisor at Warner Gear in Auburn, where he worked 25 years before his retirement in 1985. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn.

He was born April 9, 1921, in Auburn, to Louis and Angeline Caterina Muzzillo. On Feb. 28, 1976, in Corunna, he married Violet Wells Fluke, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Bernard and Kenneth Muzzillo of Auburn; two stepsons, Henry and Thomas Fluke of Corunna; four brothers, Ralph of Chicago, Stanley of Auburn, Pete of Sebring, Fla., and Wayne of Arizona; four sisters, Louise Shanabarger, Erma Wappes and Sue Kelly of Auburn and Marjorie Weaver of Wabash; a stepdaughter, Anna Fluke of Corunna; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn, with Monsignor Chuck Herman officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Leah Hay

AUBURN — Leah I. Hay, 93, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

A homemaker, she was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Auburn, where she sang in the choir and was active in many activities. She was named Mother of the Year by the church in 1999.

She was born Oct. 16, 1908, in Delphi, to Ira Eugene Goe and Mary Etta Hatter. On July 18, 1931, in Auburn, she married Don Levoid Hay, and he preceded her in death Sept. 8, 2001.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Thurlow and Gail Hay of Auburn and Gladwyn and Nancy Hay of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Leola and Dr. Joe Saunders of Tiffin, Ohio, and Thais and the Rev. Steve Ward of Coshocton, Ohio; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

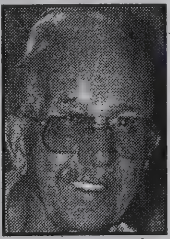
Four sisters, Mary Smith, Esther Blevins, Ruth Croy and Adah Nicholas, and a daughter, Donna Watson, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at First Church of the Nazarene in Auburn, with the Rev. John Kinsey officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church building fund. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Loren Hartmen

EDGERTON, Ohio — Loren D. Hartman Sr., 83, of Edgerton, Ohio, died March 8, 2002, at his home.



Mr. Hartmen

He was a self-employed carpenter and the DeKalb County Farm Superintendent for five years. He was a life member and past commander of Waterloo VFW Post 672 and a World War II Navy veteran.

He was born April 18, 1918, in West Unity, Ohio, to John and Phoeba Hartman. On Nov. 25, 1944, in Galveston, Texas, he married Georgia Musser, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry and Martha Hartman of Edgerton, Rex Hartman of Waterloo and Donald and Bobbi Hartman of Hamilton; two brothers, Charles Hartman of Ocean Beach, Fla., and William Hartman of Hillsdale, Mich.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

A sister and four brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, with Vicar Chris Sigmon officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Williams County Hospice. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Vernon Wiseman

AUBURN — Vernon S. "Beanie" Wiseman, 95, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

He worked for Weatherhead Dana Corp. in Angola for 22 years, retiring in 1971. He was a member of Lake George Lutheran Chapel.

He was born July 5, 1906, in DeKalb County, to Franklin and Bessie (Poorman) Wiseman. On May 25, 1930, in Elkhart, he married Nellie Sebert, and she preceded him in death Nov. 23, 1998.

Surviving are three daughters, Beverly Garbowski of Palmetto, Fla., Marjorie Deetz of Sebring, Fla., and Analee LaRowe of Auburn; two brothers, DeWayne Wiseman of Detroit and Richard Wiseman of Sterling Heights, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, a great-grandson and a great-great-grandson preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society or an organization of the donor's choice. E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Merle Waldron Sr.

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Merle E. Waldron Sr., Hicksville, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at his home.

A Scott native, he worked as a farmer and truck driver. He was a Korean War veteran and a member of the Apostolic Church, the American Legion and was also a life member of AMVETS and the VFW.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; his daughters, Sandra Dove, Barbara McCoy and Debra Mellon, all of Hicksville, Pamela Fraley of Butler, Roxanna Snyder of Mark Center, Ohio, and Patricia Wyse of Archbold, Ohio; sons Michael and Merle Jr., both of Hicksville; sisters Bertha D. Bacher of Van Wert and Velma Hancher of Peoria, Ill.; a brother, Alvin of Van Wert; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Five brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, with calling from 9 a.m. until services and after 2 p.m. Sunday. Burial with military rites will be at Bethel Cemetery, Paulding County.

Memorials are to the family.

Nyoka McBride

GARRETT — Nyoka Faye McBride, 53, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and was born Nov. 11, 1948, in Hazard, Ky., to Troy Mullins and Louise Combs.

Surviving are two sons, Charles Edward Mullins of Waterloo and Jimmy Dean Gamble of Kendallville; a daughter, Andrea Sue Leverenz of Garrett; a stepdaughter, Christy Grace McBride of Garrett; a brother, Tyron Combs of Garrett; a sister, Reginna Ann Fry of Garrett; and 10 grandchildren.

A sister, Sharon Sue Day, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Embry Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to the family. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Russell Boots

ANGOLA — Russell C. Boots, 57, of Angola, died Friday, March 8, 2002, in Angola.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and the owner of Russ Boots Dirt Work, Angola. He was a member of the Orland American Legion.

He was born Aug. 5, 1944, in Garrett, to Robert and Byrdenia (Alleshouse) Boots of Hudson.

Surviving are his parents; a son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and LeAnn Boots of Angola; a daughter and her fiancé, Tamara Kurtz of Orland and Lyle Armstrong; three brothers, Alan Boots of Howe and Vance and Eric Boots of Hudson; and six grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Mae Stewart

KENDALLVILLE — Mae M. Stewart, 83, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

She was a Rome City High School graduate and worked for Lyall Electric until her retirement. She was a member of the Brimfield United Methodist Church.

She was born Oct. 24, 1918, to Walter and Emily (Wright) Stewart in Brimfield.

Surviving are two nephews, Jay Miller of Kendallville and Darrell Stewart of Brimfield; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

A brother, Dick Stewart, and four sisters, Ruth Miller, Florence Marshall, Myra Stewart and Gertrude McDonald, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Orange Cemetery, Brimfield, with the Rev. Michael Neff officiating.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Foundation. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002

The following obituary is being printed to correct errors.

rthur Muzzillo

CORUNNA — Arthur Muzzillo,), died Friday, March 8, 2002, at s home near Corunna.

Mr. Muzzillo was a plant superintendent at Warner Gear in uburn, where he worked 35 years efore his retirement in 1985. He as a World War II Army veteran id a member of Immaculate onception Church in Auburn.

He was born April 19, 1921, in uburn, to Louis and Angeline aterina Muzzillo.

He married Violet (Wells) Fluke 1 Feb. 28, 1976, in Corunna. She irvives.

Also surviving are two sons, ernard Muzzillo of Auburn and enneth Muzzillo of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Henry Fluke and Thomas Fluke, both of Corunna; a stepdaughter, Anna Fluke of Corunna; his father-in-law, Oscar Wells of Golden Lake; four brothers, Ralph of Chicago, Stanley of Auburn, Pete of Sebring, Fla., and Wayne of Arizona; four sisters, Louise Shanabarger, Erma Wappes and Sue Kelly, all of Auburn, and Marjorie Weaver of Wabash; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn, with calling there after 10 a.m. Father Chuck Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett with military graveside services by Auburn American Legion Post 97.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. A rosary service will be held today at 4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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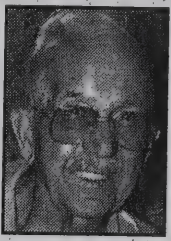
Loren Hartman Sr.

EDGERTON, Ohio — Loren D. Hartman Sr., 83, of Edgerton, Ohio, died March 8, 2002, at his home.


Mr. Hartman

He was a self-employed carpenter and the DeKalb County Farm Superintendent for five years. He was a life member and past commander of Waterloo VFW Post 672 and a World War II Navy veteran.

He was born April 18, 1918, in West Unity, Ohio, to John and Phoeba Hartman. On Nov. 25, 1944, in Galveston, Texas, he married Georgia Musser, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry and Martha Hartman of Edgerton, Rex Hartman of Waterloo and Donald and Bobbi Hartman of Hamilton; two brothers, Charles Hartman of Ocean Beach, Fla., and William Hartman of Hillsdale, Mich.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

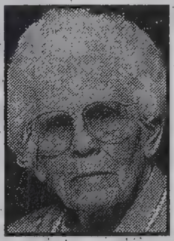
A sister and four brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, with Vicar Chris Sigmon officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Williams County Hospice. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Leona Fortman

AVILLA — Leona Fortman, 88, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home.


Mrs. Fortman

She was a homemaker and a lifetime Avilla resident. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, its Rosary Society and the Merry Matrons Club.

She was born June 9, 1913, in Continental, Ohio, to Fred and Mathilda (Liebrecht) Kreinbrink. In 1939 she married Ralph Fortman at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He preceded her in death Dec. 13, 1986.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Joyce and Jerry Cochran of Ashley and Diane Fortman of Avilla; four sons and three daughters-in-law, James and Patricia Fortman, Gilbert Fortman and Roger and Sunanta Fortman, all of Avilla, and Dan and Kathy Fortman of Howe; three sisters, Agnes VanGessel of Kendallville, Edna Meyer of Avilla and Ellen Helmkamp of LaGrange; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Henrietta Demske, and a great-grandchild.

Services are Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. The Rev. Daniel Durkin will officiate. Rosary service is Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home. Burial is in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling is one hour prior to services and Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are Masses to church.

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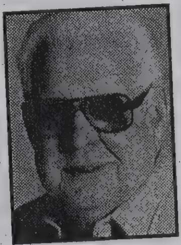
Sanford Gordon

CHURUBUSCO — Sanford D. Gordon, 80, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, at his home in Smith Township.



Mr. Gordon

He worked at the former Harry Kugler Service Station in Churubusco and General Electric in Fort Wayne. Later he worked as a forklift operator for Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1978 after 30 years.

He was a member of Churubusco Lodge 515 F & AM, Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco, the Churubusco VFW Turtle Post 3846 and the Columbia City Eagles Lodge. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was born in Whitley County on March 30, 1921, to Charles H. and Dollie A. (Crabill) Gordon. As a child he moved with his parents to Churubusco and attended Churubusco Schools.

He married Phyllis Walker in Churubusco on Jan. 15, 1943. She survives. Upon his retirement, the couple relocated to Florida for 10 years, living in Naples and Riverview. They moved back to the Churubusco area in 1990.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Marla Gordon of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Oras Butler of Churubusco; two sisters, Naomi Frazier of Churubusco and Amber Loretta Talbert of New Haven; six grandchildren, Neil, Larry and Justin Gordon, Alan and Mike Butler, and Amanda Elam; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister and an infant brother.

Services are Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Paul D. White of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Burial is in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco. The Churubusco American Legion and VFW posts will perform military graveside services.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, immediately followed by a Churubusco Masonic Lodge memorial service.

Memorials are to the donor's choice. E-mail condolences to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Jacob Flint

LAGRANGE — Jacob Ryan Flint, 15 months, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

He lived his lifetime in LaGrange County.

He was born Nov. 25, 2000, in Elkhart to Jon P. and Andrea K. (Roush) Flint. They survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a stepsister, Miranda Jo Campbell of Edmore, Mich.; three grandparents, Bob and Dena Roush of LaGrange and Terry Flint of Bradenton, Fla.; an uncle and two aunts, Roy and Vicky Lee of Jensen, Mich., and Cari Roush of Indianapolis.

Services are Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana. The Revs. Carl Horner and Brent Eash will officiate. Burial is in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling is Tuesday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Shore Mennonite Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Rainbow Years Learning Center, 7235 W. U.S. 20, Shipshewana, IN 46565.

Marion Milledge

FORT WAYNE — Marion E. Milledge, 70, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, at his home.

He was born in Fort Wayne and worked at Flash Fold Container Corp.

Surviving are his wife, Sheryl; two daughters, Felicia and Leah Milledge, both of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Wilbur Milledge of Churubusco and Franklin and Arvin Milledge, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Julia Stutesman of Michigan, Goldie "Pearl" Grubbs of Fort Wayne and Alicia Spillers of Kentucky; and three half brothers, William, Donald and Robert Milledge, all of Fort Wayne.

Services are Wednesday at 7 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Funeral Home. Calling is Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

ra Lawson

CORUNNA — Dora Lawson,
8, died Monday, March 11, 2002,
a home.

She worked for Mossburg-
ibbard in Garrett, retiring in 1982
er 16 years. She was a member
Stroh United Baptist Church.

Mrs. Lawson

She was born
b. 22, 1920, near
ndman, Ky., to
illiam and
nzali (Napier)
rkins.

She married
elvin Lawson in
arrett, Ky. on Jan.
), 1940. He sur-
ves in Corunna.

Also surviving are three daugh-
rs and two sons-in-law, Phyllis
nn and Clifford Hunter and
ancy Slone, all of Kendallville,
nd Yvonne and Darold Brown of
arrett, Ind.; three sons and daugh-
rs-in-law, Delmous Ray and
amona Lawson of Dayton, Ohio,
arvin and Gayleen Lawson of
villa and Billy B. and Freda
awson of Kendallville; three sis-
ers, Gladys Blackburn of
indman, Ruth Madden of Dayton
and Lorraine "Jackie" Parker of McGuffy, Ohio; a half sister, Carolyn Smith of Hindman; a brother and sister-in-law, Ernest and Mary Perkins of LaGrange County; 12 grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Community Baptist Church near South Milford. The Revs. Leburn Combs and Willie Collins will officiate. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling is today from 3-7 p.m. at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth Leon

FORT WAYNE — Elizabeth A. "Betty" Leon, 72, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, at home.

She worked for 10 years as a registered nurse at St. Joseph Hospital.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Albert Leon; four sons, Steve, Rick and Bill Leon, all of Fort Wayne, and Don Leon of Churubusco; a daughter, Beth Leon of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Donald and Robert David, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Claire Till of Fort Wayne and May Fenker of Wolcottville; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mark Leon, who died in 2000.

Mass of Christian Burial is Thursday at 10 a.m. at Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services and Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. A vigil will be held at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Mary Blasko

LAGRANGE — Mary A. Blasko, 89, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, at LifeCare Center of LaGrange.

She worked as a baker for Ohio Bell Telephone Co.

She was born in Dunlo, Pa., on Dec. 12, 1912, to George and Annie (Valcusick) Single. She married Andrew Blasko on Sept. 2, 1939, in Cleveland, Ohio. He survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a daughter, Beverly Chambers of Rome City; a son, Bruce Blasko of Kent, Ohio; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Boots

HUDSON — Patricia Louise Boots, 61, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, in her Hudson home.

Mrs. Boots was a homemaker and had lived in Hudson since 1960, moving there from Marion. She was a member of the Angola Women of the Moose and Orland American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Nov. 16, 1940, in Winchester, Ind., to Robert Frank Flinn and Marjorie L. (Rector) Flinn. They preceded her in death.

She married Vance Boots on April 14, 1981. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, David Young of Mineral, Va., Jimmy Young of Orland and Mike Young of Angola; five daughters, Debbie Butler and Teresa Whitcomb, both of Angola, Lori Sponseller of Payne, Ohio, Brenda Smith of Orland and Pam Miller of Flint; one brother, Mike Flinn of Marion; three stepbrothers, David Black and Greg Black, both of Fort Wayne, and Todd Black of Angola; three stepsisters, Sharon Hankins of Leo, Donna Hollabaugh of Spencerville and Teresa Kennedy of Angola; 24 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Father Brian Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Block Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Elden Kelley

ANGOLA — Elden J. Kelley, 83, died Monday, March 11, 2002, in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Alvin Donley

ROME CITY — Alvin L. Donley, 63, died Monday, March 11, 2002, at his daughter's residence in Fort Wayne.

He worked as a tool and dye maker for General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1994 after more than 32 years. He graduated in 1957 from Rome City High School and served from 1961 to 1963 in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Donley

He was a member of the Amateur Trap Shooting Association and the Rome City American Legion Post 381.

He was born May 5, 1938, to Ralph "Buck" and Ruth (Zinn) Donley. His mother survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Molly and Richard Joyal of Fort Wayne; a son, Mark Donley of Rome City; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and John Heyman of Albion, Jean and Roger Clark of Leo, Linda and Ernie Waldron of Sturgis, Mich., and Dawn and Mark Metz of LaGrange; and a granddaughter, Kaitlyn Joyal of Fort Wayne.

Services are Thursday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Mike McKinney will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling is Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Rome City United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice of Fort Wayne.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Iden Kelley

ANGOLA — Elden J. Kelley, 3, died Monday, March 11, 2002, t 7:41 a.m. in the Veterans ministration Hospital in Battle ek, Mich.

Mr. Kelley was a lifelong carter until his death. He lived in gola and was a member of rview Missionary Church in gola and American Legion Post in Angola. He s a World War II eran of the U.S. my.

Mr. Kelley

He was born rch 9, 1919, in ithfield wnship, DeKalb unty, to Walker d Rhea (Bachtel) lley.

He married Julia Dallas on Dec. , 1956, in Angola and she survives.

Also surviving are a niece, aine Lambright of LaGrange; a other-in-law and his wife, Iris ke" and Arlene Dallas of olcottville; two great-nieces and e great-nephew and their spous-, Shawn Gonser of Wolcottville, eather and Mike Neiman of Grange, and Brandon and oledon Lambright of LaGrange; ur stepgreat-nieces and stepgreatephews, Toby and Brooke Lee of olcottville and Justin and Julia ambright of LaGrange; and two eat-great-nieces, Caitlyn and hristyn Gonser.

Services will be held Friday at :30 a.m. in Johnson Funeral ome, Hudson, with the Rev. avid Wilson officiating. Burial ill be Friday at noon in Fort uster Cemetery in Battle Creek, ith military services.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 nd 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Veterans dministration Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to ohnson@kuntrynet.com.

Roger Busz

WOLF LAKE — Roger L. Busz, 61, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at Sunbridge Nursing Home in Elkhart.

He worked for 18 years as a meat packer a Plumrose Meats in Elkhart. He was born in Wolf Lake.

Surviving are a son, Philip of Albion; a daughter, Kathy Krieger of Wolcottville; his mother, Audrey Frazier of Elkhart; a brother, Robert of Pennsylvania; and three grandchildren.

Services are Saturday at 2 p.m. at Wolf Lake Park. There is no calling.

Chapel Hill Funeral Home in Osceola is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Harbor Light Hospice.

Donald Etter

WAWAKA — Donald C. Etter, 74, died Monday, March 11, 2002, at home.

He was an ironworker for Local 147 and a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Ruthann Etter; three daughters, Darlene Noble of New Haven, Joyce Hinnencamp of Bloomington, Minn., and Lois Geradot of Fort Wayne; three sons, Donnie Etter of Virginia, Minn., and Richard and David Etter, both of Kendallville; two sisters, Donnie Lou Foellinger and Evelyn Klepper, both of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services are pending Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Burial is in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Hilda Sauder

HUNTERTOWN — Hilda Sauder, 88, died Monday, March 11, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She worked for 34 years as a teacher in Huntertown and Churubusco. She was a member of the Eel River Baptist Church and enjoyed gardening and embroidery.

Mrs. Sauder

She was born in Allen County on May 25, 1913, to Amos Bair and Mary Rice. She graduated in 1932 from Huntertown High School. She married Merritt Sauder in Sharpsville on April 13, 1941. He preceded her in death in May 1998.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Chauncey.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Richard Burton of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Joy Sauder of Churubusco; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Doyle Carpenter will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery in Churubusco.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society or the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

Effie Peckhart

ANGOLA — Effie M. Peckhart, 75, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 7:45 p.m. in Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center at Angola.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Ralph Wilcoxson

AVILLA — Ralph D. "Bud" Wilcoxson, 62, died Monday, March 11, 2002, at 3:38 p.m. in his home on DeKalb County Road 48 in rural Avilla.

Mr. Wilcoxson was a retired custodian at X-Y Tool and Die, LaOtto, and had lived in rural Avilla for 32 years.

Mr. Wilcoxson

He was born July 28, 1939, in Kendallville to Ralph V. and Frances Marguirite (Brimm) Wilcoxson. His mother survives and his father is deceased.

He married Lucie Mae Lemmon on March 8, 1963, in Hamilton. She died Dec. 21, 2001.

Also surviving are two sons, Rex Wilcoxson of Avilla and Scott Wilcoxson of Huntington; one daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Rodney Frantz of Peru; one brother, Richard D. Wilcoxson of Garrett; two sisters, Peggy J. Stemen of St. Joe and Sandra S. Moser of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Garrett United Methodist Church or DeKalb Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Harry Yanke

HOWE — Harry A. Yanke, 76, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

He worked as a tool and die maker at Kelsey-Hayes in Jackson, Mich. He was born in Michigan City on June 14, 1925.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel Yanke of Yankeetown, Fla., and Jerry Yanke; two sisters, Dorothy Windle of Michigan City and Florence Malseed of Osseo, Mich.; two brothers, Arthur Yanke Jr. of Howe and Robert Yanke of Evart, Mich.; a granddaughter, Andrea Yankee of Lakeland, Fla.; and a niece, Clara Barns, who cared for him in their home, and several other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marie Strauss.

No services are scheduled.

Calling is Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. Cremation will follow the calling.

etty Murphy

KIMMELL-Betty Murphy, a resident of rural Kimmell, :d at 7:50 p.m., Thursday, ırch 7, 2002 at Lutheran spital, Fort Wayne.

She was born December 6, 27, in Dilles Bottom, Ohio, a ughter of Clarence and edith Palme Baker. Her mative years were spent in nterville, Ohio, and she mpleted her education at nterville School.

On April 14, 1951, she was ted in marriage to Cleties ırphy Jr. They have always de their home on a farm just side of Kimmell, moving to present home on the farm 1978.

She was employed at Esses Ligonier, United chnologies in Ligonier and peka, and retired from ited Technology Group near lumbia City in 1995.

She attended First Pilgrim liness Church in fort Wayne.

She is survived by her sband, Cletius "Junior"; seven sisters, Annie Cimbinin of Jarrel, Texas, Carol Shields of Proctor, West Virginia, Essie Lawrence of Belmont, Ohio, Ruth Borivich of St. Clairsville, Ohio; Hilda Brandon of Jacobsburg, Ohio, Louise Rogers of Belmont, Ohio and Millie Sliwenski of Niles, Ohio; and three brothers, Calib Baker of Jacobsburg, Ohio, Larry Baker of Centerville, Ohio and Jim Baker of Belmont, Ohio..

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant twin sons; infant daughter; and a brother, Clarence Guy Baker Jr.

The funeral service was held on Monday, March 11, 2002, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Pastor Keith Asbury, pastor of First Pilgrim Holiness Church, officiating. The burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Betty Murphy

Roger L. Busz

ELKHART-Roger L. Busz, 61, died at 7:55 p.m. on March 8, 2002, in Sunbridge Nursing Home in Elkhart, Indiana.

He was born on March 10, 1940 in Wolf Lake to Earl and Audrey (Jerrod) Busz. His mother survives.

Mr. Busz was a meat packer for Plumrose Meats for 18 years in Elkhart, Indiana.

He is survived by one son, Philip Busz of Albion; a daughter, Kathy Krieger of Wolcottville; his mother, Audrey Frazier of Elkhart; one brother, Robert Busz of Pennsylvania and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father Earl Busz.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2002, at Wolf Lake Park in Wolf Lake, Indiana. There will be no visitation. The Chapel Hill Funeral Home in Osceola, Indiana, is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to Harbor Light Hospice.

Leona Fortman

AVILLA - Leona Fortman, 88, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

She was a homemaker and a lifetime Avilla resident. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, its Rosary Society and the Merry Matrons Club.

She was born June 9, 1913, in Continental, Ohio, to Fred and Mathilda (Liebrecht) Kreinbrink. In 1939 she married Ralph Fortman at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He preceded her in death Dec. 13, 1986.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Joyce and Jerry Cochran of Ashley and Diane Fortman of Avilla; four sons and three daughters-in-law, James and Patricia Fortman, Gilbert Fortman and Roger and Sunanta Fortman, all of Avilla, and Dan and Kathy Fortman of Howe; three sisters, Agnes VanGessel of Kendallville, Edna Meyer of Avilla and Ellen Helmkamp of LaGrange; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Henrietta Demske, and a great-grandchild.

Services were held on Wednesday, March 13, 2002 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating.

Memorials are Masses to church.

Vernon McArdle

FORT WAYNE-Vernon Dale "Mickey" McArdle, 84, of Fort Wayne, died at 10:15 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2002, at the Sunrise Assisted Living Center, Fort Wayne.

In South Bend on Aug. 21, 1917, he was born to Stephen and Rose (Berkheiser) McArdle. He married Dorothea J. Hyre. She survives.

He retired as music director at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in 1982, and formerly had been music director at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church.

He was a World War II veteran, and a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church and American Legion Post 240 in Avilla. Mr. McArdle had been an instructor with the Sefert Music Scholarship Foundation.

Surviving in addition to his wife are five daughters, Mary McArdle and Colleen Carteaux of Fort Wayne, Pat Laurenz of Harrisonburg, Va., Maureen Shea, of Mooresville, and Michelle Pratt of Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine; two sons, Mike McArdle of Avilla, and Stephen McArdle of Fort Wayne; four stepdaughters, Mary Anglea Connor and Laura M. Eggers of Fort Wayne, Ellen J. Eggers of Sacramento, Calif., and Elizabeth A. Eggers of Atlanta, Ga.; a stepson, Jerry E. Eggers of San Diego, Calif.; 27 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

His first wife, Elouise, who died in 1980, a son Kevin, who died in 2001, a sister, Ruth Grimaldo, and a grandson, Patrick McArdle, preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian Burial was on Monday, March 11, 2002, at Our Lady of Good Hope Church, Fort Wayne with Rev. Father Larry Kramer officiating. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Military graveside services were by American Legion Post 240, Avilla.

Masses are to the church, and memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen or the American Cancer Society.

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Ernest Thompson

ALBION — Ernest "Ernie" M. Thompson, 85, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a field engineer from 1946 to 1982 with the Indiana Department of Transportation. He was a 60-year resident of Albion and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and for 20 years in the Navy Reserves. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, the Albion Rotary, Albion American Legion Post 246, Albion Order of the Eastern Star, Albion Lodge 97 F & AM and Fort Wayne Scottish Rite. He was a 32nd degree Mason. He served on the McCray Hospital building committee in Kendallville for 20 years.

He was born in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Nov. 3, 1916, to Albert F. and Stella Mae (Seiple) Thompson. He graduated in 1937 from Ann Arbor High School and received a degree from Tri-State University in Angola. He married Sara Berniece Strater in Albion on Dec. 14, 1940. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Lynn and Sharon Thompson of Fort Wayne and Benjamin David Thompson of Albion; and a daughter, Jannie Rhodes of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sally Burkitt, and a brother, Charles Thompson.

Services are Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. The Revs. Austin and Nancy Fergusson will officiate. Burial is in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Albion American Legion Post 246 will conduct graveside services.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

Constance Hampshire

KENDALLVILLE — Constance L. "Connie" Hampshire, 89, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Mrs. Hampshire

She worked for Flint & Walling, retiring in 1973. She was a former resident of Clear Lake and Wolcottville. She moved to Kendallville in 1989.

She was born in Noble County on March 22, 1912, to Michael and Minnie (Westphal) Browand. She married George A. Hampshire on March 17, 1928. He preceded her in death Nov. 6, 1988.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, a great-grandson, six brothers and five sisters.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Arcille and George Workman of Kendallville and Sandra and Forrest Campbell of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Hampshire of Kendallville and R.D. and Jane Hampshire of Rome City; a sister-in-law, Violet Boren of Warner Robbins, Ga.; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are Saturday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Revs. Jim Kane and Robert Neace will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Ginger McDaniel

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ginger Raye (Hughes) McDaniel, 56, died today, Thursday, March 14, 2002, at her home.

She was a homemaker and lived in Fort Wayne and Kendallville prior to moving in 1996 to Wolcottville.

Mrs. McDaniel

She was born in Stockton, Calif., on July 25, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Hughes. She married Alfred L. McDaniel Jr. in Fort Wayne on Dec. 20, 1969. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Robin Ann Porter of Kendallville; a son, Lee Alan McDaniel of Rives Junction, Mich.; two stepdaughters, Lois Bullard and Kathy McDaniel, both of Fort Wayne; three stepsons, Alfred L. McDaniel III and Steven C. and Patrick McDaniel, all of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; a stepgreat-grandchild; three nieces; and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Pam Topp, who died in 1979.

Services are Saturday at 1 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Father Dan Durkin of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, will officiate. Burial is in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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William Lee

KENDALLVILLE — William Howard Lee, 69, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at his home.

He worked for Kendallville Auto Parts, retiring in the mid 1980s after 18 years. He was a member of the South Milford Volunteer Fire Department for many years.

He was born in Fort Wayne on April 2, 1932, to Ralph E. and Ruth E. (Babcock) Lee. He grew up in the South Milford area. He married Connie Sue Berry in Rome City on Dec. 16, 1967. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Mark Lee of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Ike Notestine of Mongo; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Doris and Gerald Mefferd of Kendallville and Linda Netzinger of Ladysmith, Wis.; and three granddaughters, Caitlin and Samantha Ross and Jessica Notestine.

Services are Sunday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Jim Bartlett will officiate. Burial is in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Effie Peckhart

ANGOLA — Effie M. Peckhart, 75, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 7:45 p.m. in Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

She was retired from Rieke Corp. in Auburn with 20 years of service and formerly lived in Hudson.

Mrs. Peckhart was born Oct. 7, 1926, in Garrett to Levi and Mary Rowe.

She married Norman E. Peckhart on May 1, 1943, in Waterloo and he died Dec. 15, 1998.

Surviving her are three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Charles Sessford of Fremont, Beverly and Dean Schieber of Ashley and Janet and Robert Deam of Auburn; one sister, Marie Schwartz of Butler; nine grandchildren, 26 stepgrandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Norman Peckhart Jr. and Donald Peckhart, preceded her in death.

Graveside services are Saturday at 11 a.m. in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Cory Selking

CHURUBUSCO — Cory Michael Selking, two months old, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at home.

He was born in Fort Wayne to David L. Selking Sr. and Tammy Jo Burns. They survive in Churubusco.

Also surviving are a brother, David L. Selking Jr., at home; two sisters, Danielle Maree and Samantha Jo Selking, both at home; paternal grandparents, Lester and Patricia Selking of Fort Wayne; maternal grandparents, John and Marie Burns of Ossian; three uncles; and one aunt.

Services are Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Lane Burgland will officiate. Burial is in Eel River Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Christopher McKean

WOLCOTTVILLE — Christopher M. McKean, 41, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

He worked in the maintenance department of Kimball Electric in Auburn. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born in Decatur on May 13, 1960, to Roy and Barbara (Titus) McKean. He married Shannon Clarke in LaGrange on Aug. 1, 1998. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are his father and stepmother, Roy and Louise McKean of Fort Wayne; his mother, Barbara McKean of Bloomfield; five brothers, John Haywood of Bloomfield, Scott McKean of Talkeetna, Alaska, Robert McKean of Corunna, Randy McKean of San Francisco and Tim McKean of Chandler, Ariz.; and two sisters, Deb Baldwin of Columbus, Miss., and Susan Ort of Ollaja, Wash.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Micheal McKean.

Services are Monday at 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ronald McDonald Room c/o Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Mary Frances Hayden** were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. James Toole officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Kurt, Nick, Zach, Summer and Haley Hayden.

AVILLA — Services for **Leona Fortman** were held Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Daniel Durkin officiated. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Pallbearers were Tom, Todd, Gary and Brian Fortman, and David, Randy, Joe, Robert and Michael Cochran.

SOUTH MILFORD — Services for **Dora Lawson** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Community Baptist Church in South Milford. The Revs. Willie Collins and Lee Combs officiated. Burial was in South Milford Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Terry Hunter, Brian, Greg, Shane and Steve Slone and Tyler Minnich.

SOUTH MILFORD — Services for **Mary Whitt** were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Independent Baptist Church in South Milford. The Revs. Glenn Patrick and Larry Patrick officiated. Burial was in Corunna Cemetery in Corunna.

Pallbearers were John Hart, Raymond Whitt Jr., Dustin Tucker, J.R. Kelley, Matt Hannan and Ivan Browning.

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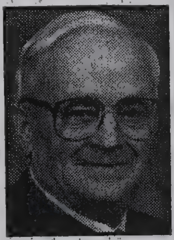
Linus Eash

MIDDLEBURY — Linus E. Eash, 83, died Thursday, March 14, 2002, at Carriage Manor Nursing Center.

He was a farmer and lived all his life in the Middlebury area. He was a member of Griner Mennonite Church and was active in Mennonite Disaster Services and Northern Youth Programs in Dryden, Ontario, Canada.


Mr. Eash

He was born in Middlebury on Sept. 22, 1918, to Tobias and Anna (Bontrager) Eash.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Howard Miller of Broadway, Ky., Alta Fern and John Schrock of Irwin, Ohio, and Linda Faye and Austin Miller of Hutchinson, Kan.; a son and daughter-in-law, David Lynn and Beverly Eash of Middlebury; a sister, Ellen Miller of Goshen; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Vernon Dale Eash; a brother, Sandford Eash; and four sisters, Mabel, Kathryn, Anna Ruth and Marian Eash.

Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at Griner Mennonite Church. The Revs. Harley Troyer, Robert Riegsecker and Clair Schnupp will officiate. Burial is in Miller Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Northern Youth Programs.

Evelyne Bowman

MIDDLEBURY — Evelyne L. Bowman, 81, died Thursday, March 14, 2002, at Elkhart General Hospital.

She was joint founder, owner and proprietor — along with her husband, Don C. Bowman — of Old Hoosier Meats in Middlebury, which they operated for 33 years, retiring in 1980. She lived in the Middlebury area since 1943. She was a member of Middlebury Church of the Brethren, Read-A-Bit Club and Home Economics Club of Middlebury.

Mrs. Bowman

She was born in Goshen on May 15, 1920, to Charles and Mabel (Hoover) Inbody. She married Don Bowman in Middlebury on Jan. 15, 1943. He preceded her in death on Sept. 15, 1987.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lamar and Orval Inbody; and a sister, Oldie Smith.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Tamra Houser, Keri and Donald Anderson and Dalis and Wayne Andrews, all of Middlebury; two sisters, Doris Keim and Bonnie Hostetler, both of Goshen; a brother, Charles Inbody Jr. of Goshen; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at Middlebury Church of the Brethren. The Rev. Dan Petry will officiate. Burial is in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Middlebury Church of the Brethren building fund.

Wayne Zuber

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wayne Allen Zuber, 69, died Thursday, March 14, 2002, at his home.

Services are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Dorothy Lambright

MIDDLEBURY — Dorothy V. Lambright, 84, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at Greencroft Nursing Center in Goshen.

She was a homemaker and lived most of her life in the Middlebury area. She was a member of the First Mennonite Church of Middlebury, where she was an organist, Sunday school teacher and member of the Singing Grandmas. She also led chalk talks at youth camps and played piano at Sunnyside Nursing Home in Florida.

Mrs. Lambright

She was born in South Bend on July 9, 1917, to Joseph and Rose (Cylka) Gustafson. Her foster parents were Sam and Effie Naugle. She married Clarence Lambright in Goshen on Oct. 3, 1937. He preceded her in death on March 23, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Delores and Donald Pettengill of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Meredith and Marion Yoder of Goshen; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Wayne and Lois Lambright of Goshen, Dr. Warren and Janice Lambright of Dresher, Pa., Glenn Jay Lambright of Goshen and Michael and Rose Lambright of Blooming Glen, Pa.; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Wilson; and three brothers, Fred, Jim and Ed Gustafson.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Mennonite Church. The Rev. Linford Martin will officiate. Burial is in Miller Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling is one hour prior to services and from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to First Mennonite Church.

Thomas Burks

ELKHART — Thomas Herod Burks, 87, died Thursday, March 14, 2002, at 8:48 p.m. in Elkhart General Hospital.

He retired in 1980 from Elkhart Brass Manufacturing, where he was a machinist for 30 years. He was employed as a maintenance man at Pierce Tool & Die for 10 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Battle of the Bulge.

He lived in Elkhart and was a life member of the Elkhart Disabled American Veterans Chapter 19 and Elkhart Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 88. He was a former member of Elkhart Moose Lodge 599. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Burks was born Feb. 17, 1915, in Beech Grove, Tenn., to John Willis and Louveena Burks.

He married Josephine Swann on Feb. 6, 1941, in McMinnville, Tenn., and she died May 4, 1990, in Elkhart.

Surviving him are four daughters and sons-in-law, Billie Jo and Jim Freeze of Bristol, Linda and Chuck Lock of Ligonier, Louise and Bill McDowell of Elkhart, and Carolyn and Steve Bates of Elkhart; one foster daughter and her husband, Freda and Larry Sherley of Dunkirk; one brother and sister-in-law, Cecil and Ione Burks of Elkhart; two sisters, Jessie Stacey of Elkhart and Lizzie Burks of McMinnville; seven grandchildren, Sherry Bloom of Elkhart, Terry Pierce of Middlebury, Tom Marsha of Ligonier, Cindy Bahus of Angola, Steve Wenzel Jr. of Osceola, Staff Sgt. Jason Wenzel of Kuwait, and Sean Wenzel of Concord, Mich.; 11 great-grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren, 12 stepgreat-grandchildren, and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

On son, Ralph Thomas, one sister and four brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home & Crematory, 700 E. Jackson St., Elkhart. The Rev. Larry Kurtz of Faith United Methodist Church and the Rev. Russel Jensen, associate pastor of Middlebury Church of the Brethren, will officiate. Burial will be in Rice Cemetery with military graveside services by Elkhart DAV Chapter 19.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

John Carlson

KOKOMO — John J. Carlson, 89, died Thursday, March 14, 2002, at 2 p.m. in Howard Community Hospital in Kokomo.

He was employed as a laborer in the steel mills. He lived in Kokomo and Topeka. He attended Maple Grove Mennonite Church.

Mr. Carlson was born March 4, 1913, in Chicago to Brother John and Nancy (Dahlquist) Carlson.

He married Celia M. Thompson, who preceded him in death in 1998.

Surviving him are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cathy J. and Marty Edwards of Kokomo, and Cheryl C. and Jerry Stutzman of Topeka; one son and daughter-in-law, John R. and Kathy Carlson of Kokomo; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A half-brother, Willard "Bill" Carlson, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Maple Grove Mennonite Church, 500 S. Main St., Topeka, with calling after 11 a.m. The Rev. Tim Adams will officiate. Burial is in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Wayne Zuber

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wayne A. "Zub" Zuber, 69, died Thursday, March 14, 2002, at 9 p.m. in his Wolcottville residence.

He was a retired self-employed water well driller with Thompson and Zuber in Fort Wayne. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He raced midget and sprint cars and restored Model T Fords. He was a member of Rome City American Legion Post 381. He lived in Wolcottville 12 years, moving there from Fort Wayne.

Mr. Zuber

Mr. Zuber was born July 19, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Charles J. and Lola E. (Brindel) Zuber.

Surviving him are his wife, Mary; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lola M. Bendele and Phil Richards of Sarasota, Fla., and Julie A. and Joe Gruss of Columbia City; one son and daughter-in-law, James C. and Rita Zuber of Fort Wayne; one sister, Leona Martin of Prairie Village, Kan.; five grandchildren, John Bendele III, Jessica Burkett, Marie Zuber, Adam Zuber and Tim Zuber; and one great-grandson, Jacob Bendele.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Elmer Zuber, and two sisters, Mae Renner and Ruth Zuber.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling after noon. Father Charles Mullen of St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Gaspar church cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Ruth Curtland

ANGOLA — Ruth Curtland, 86, died Friday, March 15, 2002, at her home in Nevada Mills, rural Angola.

She was a retired employee of Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich. She also had her own antique shop in her home and in Shipshewana. She moved to Nevada Mills in 1952. She enjoyed her family.

Mrs. Curtland was born July 8, 1915, in LaOtto to Edward and Etta (Brandt) Wells.

She married Elvester "Al" Curtland on March 17, 1932, in Auburn, and he died April 2, 1995.

Surviving are five daughters, Vera Delancey and Louise Porter, both of Angola, Viola Friend of Orland, Lorraine Hoard of Bronson, Mich., and Irene Wisel of Fremont; three sons, Floyd Curtland, Ray Curtland and Rick Curtland, all of Angola; two brothers, Oscar Wells and Cecil Wells, both of Corunna; 44 grandchildren, 102 great-grandchildren and 32 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Assembly of God Church in Angola, with Pastor Chris Cain officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice.

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Robert Williams

FORT WAYNE — Robert E. Williams, 82, died Friday, March 15, 2002, in Covington Manor Nursing Home.

He was a teacher and coach for Cass County, Lucerne, Fulton and Veedersburg junior-senior high schools. He served as principal at Eastside Junior-Senior High School in Butler from 1968 to 1979 and at Covington Junior-Senior High School. He lived in Fort Wayne and was a member of Risen Savior Lutheran Church. He was a past member of Lions Club, American Legion and Butler Rotary. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Williams was born Nov. 24, 1919, in Logansport. His first wife, Elva Williams, died in 1974. His second wife, Marilyn (Shultz) Williams, survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert Williams of Dallas, Texas; a daughter, Claudia Morenout of San Diego, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Debborah Overcash and Susan Overcash, both of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Timothy Overcash of Melbourne, Fla., and Dr. Dan Overcash of Indianapolis; one niece, Katie Diedrich of Washington, D.C.; and four grandchildren.

Four brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital or the church.

William Miller

MIDDLEBURY — William H. Miller, 84, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at home.

He moved to the Middlebury area in 1945. He was a farmer and had a repair shop at home. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born March 14, 1918, in Mylo, N.D., to Daniel and Magdalena (Herschberger) Miller. On March 22, 1945, in Middlebury he married Clara Lehman, who survives.

Also surviving are nine daughters and four sons-in-law, Laura, Magdalena, Katie, Susie and Bertha Miller, Barbara and Paul Wagler and Mary and Alvin Yoder, all of Middlebury, Rosa and LeRoy Yoder of Hillpoint, Wis., and Alma Nisley and Perry Nisley Jr. of Goshen; four sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph and Treva Miller of LaGrange, Ivan and Mary Miller and Edwin and Miriam Miller, all of Middlebury, and Sam and Marilyn Miller of Goshen; 51 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Mary Ann Miller, a grandson, Samuel Yoder, and a great-grandson, Michael Bontrager, preceded him in death.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the family home, 55237 C.R. 43, Middlebury, with Bishops Melvin Miller and Ernest Yoder officiating. Burial will be at Mast Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling is after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family home.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Morton Wicker

LIGONIER — Morton Denzil Wicker, 58, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at home.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243, Ligonier, where he was known as the "Godfather of Pool."

Mr. Wicker

He was born March 14, 1944, in Mousie, Ky., to Virgil and Ellen (Green) Wicker. He married Mary Ann (Routson) Wicker, who survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are six daughters and four sons-in-law, Rose and Ron Short and Candace Garton, all of Ligonier, Tonya Snoden and Cynthia and Dave McClelland, all of Kimmell, Donna and Abed Shah of North Carolina and Teresa and Tony Bush of LaSalle, Ill.; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Morty and Vivian Wicker of Ligonier, Jerry Wicker of Mousie and Cornell Wicker of North Carolina; a brother, Virgil "Bud" Wicker of Kendallville; two sisters, Racine Smith of Albion and Dani Reed of Elkhart; 19 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Buford Coburn, preceded him in death.

Services are 7 p.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Military services by the American Legion are at 7:30 p.m. Burial will be at a later date at Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is 3-5 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 243.

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Helen Warner

WARSAW — Helen Juanita Warner, 85, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

The lifetime Warsaw resident was a cook at Warsaw Community Schools. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Warsaw.

She was born April 1, 1916, in Warsaw to Wilbur and Zoah (Blue) Ross. On April 14, 1934, in Warsaw she married Dale Warner, who preceded her in death in September 1973.

A son, two brothers and a sister also preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Darlene and Larry Speigle and Wendy and John Kimpel, all of Warsaw, Sandra Keener of Mishawaka and Marsha and Steve Schmitz of Columbiaville, Mich.; two sisters, Bertine Knafel of Rome City and Donabelle Celia Myers of Avilla; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with Pastor Denny Wilson officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church building fund or the Warsaw Community Church building fund.

Barbara Smeltzer

GARRETT — Barbara Ann Smeltzer, 73, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Garrett resident was a homemaker.

She was born May 16, 1928, in Huntington to Paul and Lola (Walker) Bowman. On July 21, 1951, in Huntington she married Kenneth W. Smeltzer, who survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeff Smeltzer of Garrett and Steve Smeltzer; a daughter, Kathy Walker of Nob Noster, Mo.; three grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Mrs. Smeltzer

A sister, Jo Alice Pearson, preceded her in death.

Private family services are Monday with Pastor David Farling officiating. Burial will be at Embrey Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is 2-4 p.m. today at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

No memorials are requested.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Verna Stein

AUBURN — Verna M. (Buck) Stein, 89, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Stein retired from City Auto Stamping after 37 years. She also was active in the United Auto Workers and loved to dance and play cards. She formerly resided in Auburn and Toledo, Ohio.

She was born Nov. 15, 1912, to William and Meade Buck in Metamora, Ohio.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Kathy Stein of Auburn; two grandsons, Marty and Roger Stein, both of Toledo; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Jeannette and Paul Whitmore of Hastings, Neb.; two great-granddaughters, Blake and Bailey Whitmore of Hastings, Neb.; and a great-grandson, Grant Wil-Stein of Cleveland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin, and four brothers, Earl, Donny, Samuel and Harold Buck.

Private services will be held. There is no visitation.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Ansberg-West Funeral Home, Toledo, Ohio.

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Treva Myers

ANGOLA — Treva Marie Myers, 90, died Friday, March 15, 2002, in Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

She was a homemaker, farm wife and mother.

Mrs. Myers was born Oct. 19, 1911, in Elkhart to Clarence and Ethel M. (Harshman) Sailor.

She married Llewellyn Myers on Jan. 9, 1932, and he died Sept. 26, 1997.

Surviving her are two daughters, Lois M. Engle of Angola and Adra Schlotterback of Fort Wayne; one sister, Bonnie Warner of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Skidgel; one granddaughter, Lisa Kay Yoder and one brother, Donald Sailor.

There are no services or calling. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery in South Whitley.

Memorials are to the family.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

lrian Tuttle

LIGONIER — Adrian E. Tuttle, , died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at rkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a carpenter with Union cal 1089, retiring in 1983. He s a member of Little Flossie Old gular Baptist Church in ndallville. He liked to hunt, fish, d make knives, and was known as lr. Fix-It.”

He was born in Ligonier on May , 1929, to Levi and Elzena Tuttle. married Evelyn L. Jarrett in gonier on Oct. 8, 1966. She sur- ves.

Also surviving are a daughter d son-in-law, Lora and Tom useholder of Ocala, Fla.; three ns and two daughters-in-law, ark Tuttle of Fort Wayne, Denzil d Karen Tuttle of McCordsville d David and Jeanette Tuttle of kiski, Alaska; a stepdaughter and pson-in-law, Debra and Bruce illiams of Cromwell; two step- ns and a stepdaughter-in-law, onald Conrad of Carlisle and ayne and Peggy Conrad of gonier; 16 grandchildren; and ght great-grandchildren.

Additional survivors include a other, Aaron Tuttle of eastern ntucky; two half sisters, Kathleen bson of Stroh and Mary Patrick LaGrange; and several nieces and phews.

He was preceded in death by a pson, Bobby Conrad; two broth- s, Ray and Forrest Tuttle; and a lf sister, Cordie Wicker.

Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist urch in Kendallville. The Revs. ssell Hicks, Larry Dixon and orris Wicker will officiate.

Calling begins at 1 p.m. today at rr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the church.

Elsie Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Elsie R. Bontrager, 81, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

She worked for Yoder Department Store in Shipshewana, retiring in 1986 after 18 years. She was a life-long resident of LaGrange County and a member of Emma Mennonite Church in Emma.

Mrs. Bontrager

She was born in LaGrange County on May 28, 1920, to John J. and Rebecca (Schrock) Eash.

Surviving are seven daughters and three sons-in-law, Marilyn Vollmar and Jane Hershberger, both of Las Vegas, Nev., Velda Christner of Indianapolis, Lila and Rick Philbrook and Nedra and Gary Christner of Shipshewana, Miriam Yates of Churubusco and Carolyn and Gary Hollowell of LaGrange; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Harold and Dee Bontrager of Elkhart and Dorvan Bontrager of Atwater, Calif.; a sister, Ellen Christner of Shelbyville; a brother, Edwin J. Eash of LaGrange; 32 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Leota Edwards, who died on May 13, 2000.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Emma Mennonite Church in Emma. The Rev. Gene Hartman will officiate. Burial is in Townline Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today and 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Charles Brand

KENDALLVILLE — Charles W. “Chuck” Brand, 83, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Helen Corson

ELKHART — Helen E. Corson, 87, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at East Lake Nursing Center in Elkhart.

She was born Oct. 22, 1914. In Middlebury in 1935 she married Dr. Charles R. “Doc” Corson, who preceded her in death April 12, 1997.

Services are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Mary Rose

FORT WAYNE — Mary R. “Rose” Rose, 81, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Parkview Senior Club, Parkview White Cross Group, Fort Wayne Radio Club, ACARTC and 21 Repeater Club. She served for the past 20 years as a 4-H volunteer.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 19, 1920. She was a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Rose of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Carol Creek of Bluffton, Alice Perkins of Albion, Clara Potts of Fort Wayne and Doris Melvin of Schererville; two sons, Ed Rose and Paul Rose, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, John Bierbaum of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Gerry Parnin; three brothers, Ray Bierbaum, Richard Bierbaum and William Bierbaum; and two grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Chapel. Burial is in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospital Senior Club or Fort Wayne Humane Shelter.

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Elnora Randol

PLEASANT LAKE — Elnora Randol, 80, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker.

She was born July 29, 1921, in Albion, to DeArl and Mabel (Zolman) Jaquay.

She married Frank Randol in 1946, and he preceded her in death May 31, 1981.

Surviving are one son, Frank Darren Randol of Angola; three daughters and sons-in-law, Lonia and Robert Prior of LaGrange, Judi and John Rupp of Pleasant Lake and Diana and Bob Hill of Hamilton; one sister, Dessie Danning of Angola; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Arl Jaquay and Don Jaquay, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Lake Gage Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lake Gage Congregational Church or the Steuben County Humane Society.

Melvin Lovelette

FORT WAYNE — Melvin D. "Sonny" Lovelette, 64, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital.

He worked as a self-employed roofer for 23 years. He was born in Monroeville.

Surviving are his companion, Beverly Scott; three daughters, Connie Puff and Lynn Griffin of Fort Wayne, and Rhoda Lovelette of Topeka, Kan.; three sons, Donald Hart of Fort Wayne, Rodney Hart of Hudson and Thomas Scott of LaOtto; four sisters, Rosie Lovelette, Patricia Lovelette and Bonnie Dobbs, all of Fort Wayne, and Jeannetta "Susie" Nuttle of Ossian; four brothers, Robert Lovelette of Decatur, Donald Lovelette of Syracuse, Ronald Lovelette of Roanoke and James Lovelette of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services are at 3 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Huntertown.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the family.

Thomas Thornburg

KENDALLVILLE — Thomas Thornburg, 78, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

He was a truck driver for PepsiCo and Midwest Trucking of Chicago. He lived in the Kendallville area since 1967. He served in the U.S. Navy for seven and a half years.

He was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, on June 12, 1923, to Frank and Mae (Clark) Thornburg. He married Bessie Ball in Rochester, N.Y., on May 3, 1957. She preceded him in death on Sept. 10, 1989.

Surviving are three daughters, Anna Marie, Beverly and Carmen, all of Chesapeake, Ohio; a son, Thomas Thornburg of Florida; five grandchildren; four brothers, James Thornburg of West Virginia, Joe Thornburg of Ohio, Charles Thornburg of Ohio and Don Thornburg of Hayward, Calif.; and a sister, Frances Bartram of Ohio.

Services are at 2 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King will officiate. Burial is in Swan Cemetery in LaOtto.

Calling is one hour prior to services at Brazzell Funeral Home.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Bill Lee** were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Jim Bartlett officiated.

Burial was in South Milford Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dan Simmons, Gerald Mefferd Jr., Shane Miller, Pat Martin, Frank Pennington and Paul Baldwin.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ginger R. McDaniel** were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Father Dan Durkin officiated.

Burial was in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville. Pallbearers were Dick Manlove, Frank Brown, Labon Beers, Pat Stuck, Jerry Gran and Brian Hooser.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Constance Hampshire** were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Revs. Jim Kane and Robert Neace officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Brian, Kevin, Andy and Mitch Hampshire and Mike and Todd Fiandt. Honorary pallbearers were Jeremy and Christopher Smurr, Troy and Jason Ebert and Jason Fiandt.

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The following obituary is being reprinted to correct erroneous information provided to The News-Sun.

Wayne Zuber

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wayne A. "Zub" Zuber, 69, died Thursday, March 14, 2002, at his home.

He was a retired self-employed water well driller with Thompson and Zuber in Fort Wayne. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He raced midget and sprint cars and restored Model Ts. He was a member of Rome City American Legion Post 381. He lived in Wolcottville 12 years, moving there from Fort Wayne.

Mr. Zuber was born July 19, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Charles J. and Lola E. (Brindel) Zuber.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Lou Zuber, of Wolcottville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lola M. Bendele and Phil Richards of Sarasota, Fla., and Julie A. and Joe Gruss of Columbia City; one son and daughter-in-law, James C. and Rita Zuber of Fort Wayne; one sister, Leona Martin of Prairie Village, Kan.; five grandchildren, John Bendele II, Jessica Burkett, Marie Zuber, Adam Zuber and Tim Zuber; and one great-grandson, Jacob Bendele.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Elmer Zuber, and two sisters, Mae Renner and Ruth Zuber.

Services were 1 p.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Father Charles Mullen of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City officiated. Burial was in St. Gaspar cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Margaret Reid

LARWILL — Margaret Reid, 75, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She worked for Washington Products Co. and was a member of the Larwill Lions Club and United Methodist Church.

She was born in North Manchester on May 16, 1926, to Gail R. and Iva (Bowers) Hidy. She spent her formative years in North Manchester and graduated from high school there. She married Howard W. Reid on June 15, 1946. He survives in Larwill.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald H. and Margaret Reid of Cedar Grove, Tenn.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Roger Hossler of Larwill and Patricia and Max Krider and Lori and Roger Wood, all of South Whitley; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; seven sisters, Myrtle Myers of Lafayette, Jane Shoudel and Elizabeth Weesner, both of Fort Wayne, Phyllis Muzzelo of Phoenix, Mary Bryant of Portland, Barbara Prater of Warsaw and Janice Fry of North Manchester; four brothers, Jack Hidy and Gail Hidy Jr., both of North Manchester, Bryan Hidy of Fort Wayne and Joe Hidy of Wabash.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Doris.

Services are at 2 p.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. The Rev. Terry Marker will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Larwill.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Larwill Community Board.

Charles Brand

KENDALLVILLE — Charles W. "Chuck" Brand, 83, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

From 1945 to the mid-1980s he was the owner and operator of Brand's Auto Sales. He founded Brand's Car Wash in the late 1960s. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army and in the 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion during World War II. He was awarded three Bronze Stars. He was a member of American Legion Post 86, VFW Post 2749 and Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

He was born in Ashley Nov. 15, 1918, to the Rev. Charles and Ethel (Gensler) Brand. He married Mary Jane Crothers in Avilla Nov. 17, 1942. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dennis and Susie Brand of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville, and Michael and Debbie Brand and Joel Brand, all of Kendallville; a sister, Grace Morgan of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Tiffany, Lindsay and Jordan Brand, Tara Thiery and Jennifer Davis; five stepgrandchildren, Andrew, Jeremy and Daniel Perkins and Drew and Tony Mark; and five great-grandchildren, Ashley and Allison Davis and Nate, Daniel and Andrew Thiery.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King will officiate. Burial is in Avilla Cemetery.

Calling is from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Priscilla Uebelhoer

KENDALLVILLE — Priscilla L. Uebelhoer, 93, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

She was an elementary and high school teacher who taught art, English and history in the Crown Point and East Chicago areas. She was a member of the Crown Point Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born in Wauseon, Ohio, on March 9, 1909, to William and Blanche (Rasey) Gisel. She married Othmar J. Uebelhoer in October 1942. He preceded her in death May 21, 1981.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Esther Gisel and Waneeta Gisel.

Surviving are a son, Daryl Uebelhoer of Mohomet, Ill.; a daughter, Janene Shumard of Bremerton, Wash.; a brother, Ora Gisel of Kendallville; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. James Toole will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Nicholas Kubik

MADISON — Nicholas John Kubik, infant son of William Kubik Jr. and Mary Beth (Mock) Kubik of Deputy, was stillborn Sunday, March 17, 2002, at King's Daughters Hospital in Madison.

His parents survive in Deputy.

Also surviving are a brother, William Michael Kubik, at home; a paternal grandmother and step-grandfather, Josephine and Joseph Stephens of Darien Center, N.Y.; a maternal grandmother, Carolyn A. Mock of Kendallville; maternal great-grandparents, Rosemary Horton of Warsaw and Peggie Mock of Houston, Texas; an uncle; and two aunts.

He was preceded in death by a paternal grandfather, William Kubik Sr.

Graveside services are Wednesday in Deputy. Father John Meyer will officiate. Burial will be in Pisgah Cemetery.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital Memorial Association, 50 S. Meridian St., Suite 500, Indianapolis, IN 46204, or St. Vincent DePaul Society Catholic Community Center, 303 State St, Madison, IN 47250.

Vail-Holt Funeral Home in Madison is in charge of arrangements.

Danford McComb

FORT WAYNE — Danford Morris "Bud" McComb, 80, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, in Fort Wayne.

He was a maintenance electrician with Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio, for 10 years, retiring in 1987. He also was employed by Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne for 12 years.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a 50-year member of Huntertown Lodge 689, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, American Legion Post 47 and the York Rite. He was past president and member of Knights Templaer Band and was past worthy patron of Order of Eastern Star Lodge 388.

Mr. McComb was born Feb. 21, 1922, in Huntertown. He married his wife, Betty, on May 9, 1942, in Churubusco and she died in 1958.

Surviving him are three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Jerry Zirkle of Angola, Carol and Jim Green of Churubusco, and Julia and William Miller of Angola; one son and daughter-in-law, Teddy and Francie McComb of Fort Wayne; one brother, Russell McComb of Delphi; four sisters, Marscell Sloffer and Dorothy Lucas, both of Huntertown, Ann Kelham of LaOtto and Phyllis Brown of Albion; nine grandchildren, Greg and Mechalle Zirkle, Chris and Matthew Green, Angie (Green) Inman, David McComb, Mollie (McComb) Ranalletta, and Randel and Laura Miller; four great-grandchildren, Nathan, Brandon, Ashley and Aaron Green.

A sister, Marjorie Freck, preceded him in death.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in D.O.McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.Burial was in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Mizpah Shrine or the charity of the donor's choice.

Ruth Norris

ALBION — Ruth E. Norris, 75, died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at her home.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed fishing, upholstery and lawn mowing. She was a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church and NU Yorkers Extension Homemakers. She graduated in 1944 from Albion-Jefferson High School.

She was born in Noble County Aug. 30, 1926, to Victor and Alta (Baird) Weber. She married Jack D. Norris May 19, 1945. He preceded her in death Dec. 14, 1996.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Floyd, Blenn and Vaughn Weber; and two sisters, Wanda Jackson and Helen Walker.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Diann L. Bortner and Donna and Marvin Pease, all of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Patricia Norris of Albion; three sisters, Thelma Ott, Floe Baker and Nelda Owen, all of Albion; six grandchildren, Amy Dalton, Jennifer Schultz, Jana Frick, Jon and Jason Pease and Gabriel Norris; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are at 2 p.m. Friday at Burr Oak Baptist Church. The Rev. Mark Woods will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling is one hour prior to services and from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home in Albion.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Diabetes Foundation.

Dale Weber

ALBION — Dale H. Weber, 82, died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Esther Davis

KENDALLVILLE — Esther V. Davis, 76, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at home.

She was born in Columbia City Oct. 18, 1925, to Harvey and Dorotha (Gates) Boggs. She married Donald D. Davis in September 1964. He preceded her in death Sept. 25, 1998.

Surviving are a son, Jerry Groh of Napoleon, Ohio; a daughter, Judy Eberly of South Bend; a sister, Helen Cramer of Kendallville; a brother, J.D. Boggs of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. There is no calling.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Mabel Denney

HOWE — Mabel P. Denney, 93, died Monday, March 18, 2002, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

She was a homemaker.

She was born in Pennville March 25, 1908, to James B. and Bessie E. (Robinson) Shultz. She married George F. Denney in Portland March 29, 1929. He preceded her in death in 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Murray and Lillie Denney of Marianna, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Garden of Memories Cemetery Chapel in Muncie. Burial will be in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

Memorials are to the Indiana Lions Eye Bank.

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Helen Ernsberger

ORLAND — Helen Ernsberger, 75, died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Michael Walter

ANGOLA — Michael L. Walter, 39, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, in a traffic accident near Angola.

He was a truck driver for Evans Trucking in Butler for 15 years. He lived in Angola and enjoyed boating and water skiing.

Mr. Walter was born June 6, 1962, in Gilroy, Calif., to Marion and Inettia Walter. They preceded him in death.

Surviving him are one sister, Evelee I. Roop of Kendallville; an aunt, Trudy Moore of St. Joe; an uncle, Robert Lemos of Ely, Nev.; three cousins, Michelle Ballard of Tennessee, Yvonne Archer of Georgia and William Moore Jr. of Fort Wayne; and a companion, Penny McKinley of Angola.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at Country Meadow Resort, 201 W. State Road 120, Fremont. There is no calling.

Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Don Klopfenstein

GRABILL — The Rev. Don W. Klopfenstein, 81, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at The Cedars, Leo-Cedarville.

He served as pastor of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Pioneer, Ohio, and Grabill, and the Evangelical Mennonite Church and Meese Chapel United Methodist Church in Auburn. He worked for 20 years as a professor at the former Fort Wayne Bible College, now Taylor University. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

He was born in White Pigeon, Mich.

Surviving are his wife, Mary A. Klopfenstein; two sons, David A. Klopfenstein of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Timothy J. Klopfenstein of Red Bud, Ill.; a sister, Mary Emma Schmidt of Howe; and five grandchildren.

Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at Grabill Mennonite Church. Private burial is in Leo Cemetery.

Calling follows services at the church.

Memorials are to Grabill Mennonite Building Fund or Cedars Retirement Center.

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lichols, 79

COLUMBIA CITY - Cleo ene Nichols, 79, of Union 1ills, IN, formerly of Columbia City, died on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at :18 a.m. at North Bay Hospital, New Port Richey, FL, while on vacation.

She was born in Powderly, Reeves Co., TX on September 5, 1922 to Joe Allen and Della Mae (McLemore) Westbrook. Her elementary and secondary ducation were in Pecos, TX where she graduated with the Class of 1941 from high chool.

She married Charles Thomas "Tom" Nichols, a Columbia City native, on October 25, 1942 in New Mexico. Mrs. Nichols and her usband lived in Lake County nd Merrillville, IN until noving to Columbia City in 982. In 1999 they moved to Union Mills, IN, to reside with heir daughter.

Mrs. Nichols had church nemberships with Big Lake Church of God, Thorncreek Bethel Church and lastly with New Hope Wesleyan Church. She was also a member of the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5582, Columbia City.

Survivors include two aughters, Virginia Irene John) Crim, Union Mills, IN; Nancy Charlene Moffitt, New Port Richey, FL; three sisters, Vada Sue Monson, Reading, CA; Mary Evelyn Gaunt, Auburn, IN, and Betty Jo Emerick, Hobart, IN; eight randchildren and eleven reat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death y her husband on March 7, 001; a son, Thomas Allen Nichols, her parents, and two isters, Joyce Madelene Wade nd Tommie Frances Pittman.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 16, 2002 at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home with Pastor Barry Faucett, New Hope Wesleyan, officiating. Committal services were immediately following the funeral services at Thorncreek Bethel (Egolf) Cemetery, Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, Columbia City.

For those who wish, memorials may be given in her memory to the donor's choice. Condolences to: sympathy@demoneygrimes.com.

Mary Rose, 81

FORT WAYNE - Mary R. "Rose" Rose, 81, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Parkview Senior Club, Parkview White Cross Group, Fort Wayne Radio Club, ACARTC and 21 Repeater Club. She served for the past 20 years as a 4-H volunteer.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 19, 1920. She was a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Rose of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Carol Creek of Bluffton, Alice Perkins of Albion, Clara Potts of Fort Wayne and Doris Melvin of Schererville; two sons, Ed Rose and Paul Rose, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, John Bierbaum of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Gerry Parnin; three brothers, Ray Bierbaum, Richard Bierbaum and William Bierbaum; and two grandchildren.

Services were held at D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Chapel on Wednesday morning, March 20, 2002. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospital Senior Club or Fort Wayne Humane Shelter.

Danford Morris "Bud" McComb

FORT WAYNE - Danford "Bud" McComb, 80 a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne died on March 16, 2002 in Fort Wayne.

He was born on February 21, 1922 in Huntertown. He was employed as a maintenance electrician with Sinclair Community College in Dayton Ohio for ten years. He retired in 1987. He was also employed with Indiana Purdue in Fort Wayne for 12 years.

Bud served in the U. S. Marine Corp. during World War II. He was a 50 year member of the Huntertown Lodge 689, the Scottish Rite, the Mizpah Shrine, past president and member of the Knights Templer Band, Past Worthy Patron of O. E. S. 388, American Legion Post #47 and the yorkrite.

On May 9, 1942 he married his wife Betty in Churubusco. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include: a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Jerry Zirkle of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Jim Green of Churubusco; a son and daughter-in-law, Teddy and Francie McComb of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Julia and William Miller of Angola; a brother, Russell McComb of Delphi, Indiana; four sisters, Marscell Sloffer of Huntertown, Ann Kelham of LaOtto, Phyllis Brown of Albion; and Dorothy Lucas of Huntertown; nine grandchildren, Greg Zirkle, Mechalle Zirkle, Chris Green, Matthew Green, Angie (Green) Inman, David McComb, Mollie (McComb) Ranalletta, Rachel Miller and Laura Miller; four great-grandchildren, Nathan and Brandon Green and Ashley and Aaron Green.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty and one sister, Marjorie Freck.

Services were held on Wednesday morning at D. O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Masonic services were held on Tuesday evening Burial was in Huntertown Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Mizpah Shrine or donor's choice.

Ruth E. Norris

ALBION - Ruth E. Norris, 75, died on March 19, 2002 at her home in York Township. She was born on August 30, 1926 to Victor and Alta (Baird) Weber.

On May 19, 1945 she married Jack D. Norris, he preceded her in death on December 14, 1996.

She was a 1944 Albion High School graduate.

Surviving are two daughters, Diann L. Bortner and Donna L. Pease and her husband Marvin of Albion; one son, Duane A. Norris and his wife Pat of Albion; six grandchildren: Amy E. Dalton, Jennifer D. Shultz, Jana L. Frick, Jon L. Pease, Gabriel L. Norris and Jason E. Pease; four great grandsons and two great granddaughters: Jacob, Bailey and Matthew Frick; Dustin and Logan Pease; and Sierra Stout; three sisters, Nelda Owen, Flo Baker and Thelma Ott.

Preceding her in death were two sisters, Helen Walker and Wanda Jackson and three brothers, Floyd Weber, Glenn Weber and Vaughn Weber.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 22, 2002 at Burr Oak Baptist Church. Viewing will be from 2 p.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at Orr Funeral Home in Albion and one hour before the funeral service on Friday.

Memorials are to Heart Association or Diabetes Association.

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Ernest "Ernie" M. Thompson

ALBION - Ernest "Ernie" M. Thompson, 85, died on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on November 3, 1916 to Albert F. and Stella Mae (Seiple) Thompson. On December 14, 1940 he married Sara Berniece (Strater) Thompson in Albion, she survives.

Ernie was a Field Engineer from 1946 to 1982 for the Indiana Department of Transportation. He was a member of the Albion community for 60 years. He was in WWII in the U. S. Navy Seabees from 1942 to 1946, then 20 more years in the Navy Reserves; a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion; the Albion Rotary; American Legion Post #246 in Albion; Order of Eastern Star in Albion; Albion Lodge #97 F & AM; Scottish Rite in Ft. Wayne; a 32nd degree Mason; on the building committtee for McCray Hospital for 20 years in Kendallville; a graduate of Ann Harbor Michigan High School Class of 1937 and a graduate of Tri State University of Angola.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter: Mr. Lynn (Sharon) Thompson of Fort Wayne; Benjamin David Thompson of Albion; Jannie Rhodes of Goshen; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were one daughter, Sally Burkitt and one brother Charles Thompson.

Services were held at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion on Saturday March 16, 2002 with the Revs. Austin and Nancy Fergusson officiating.

Military graveside services were held by Albion American Legion Post #246. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

Morton Denzil Wicker, 58

LIGONIER-Morton Denzil Wicker, 58, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at home.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Army and a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243, Ligonier, where he was known as the "Godfather of Pool."

He was born March 14, 1944, in Mousie, Ky., to Virgil and Ellen (Green) Wicker. He married Mary Ann (Rouston) Wicker, who survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are six daughters and four sons-in-law, Rose and Ron Short and Candace Garton, all of Ligonier, Tonya Snoden and Cynthia and Dave McClelland all of Kimmell, Donna and Abed Shah of North Carolina and Teresa and Tony Bush of LaSalle, IL; three sons and daughter-in-law, Morty and Vivian Wicker of Ligonier, Jerry Wicker of Mousie and Cornell Wicker of North Carolina; a brother, Virgil "Bud" Wicker of Kendallville; two sisters, Racine Smith of Albion and Dani Reed of Elkhart; 19 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Buford Coburn, preceded him in death.

Services were held on Monday, March 18, 2002 at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with Rev. John Lutton officiating. Military services by the American Legion were also held on Monday. Burial will be at a later date at Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Memorials are to the American Legion Post 243.

Roger L. Busz

ELKHART-Roger L. Busz, 61, died at 7:55 p.m. on March 8, 2002, in Sunbridge Nursing Home in Elkhart, Indiana.

He was born on March 10, 1940 in Wolf Lake to Earl and Audrey (Jerrod) Busz. His mother survives.

Mr. Busz was a meat packer for Plumrose Meats for 18 years in Elkhart, Indiana.

He is survived by one son, Philip Busz of Albion; a daughter, Kathy Krieger of Wolcottville; his mother, Audrey Frazier of Elkhart; one brother, Robert Busz of Pennsylvania and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father Earl Busz.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2002, at Wolf Lake Park in Wolf Lake, Indiana. There will be no visitation. The Chapel Hill Funeral Home in Osceola, Indiana, is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to Harbor Light Hospice.

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William Cook

ALBION — William L. Cook, 70, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at home.

He operated Cook's Corner, a convenience store located at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater, Fla. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and active member of the Albion Fraternal Order of Eagles. He lived in the Albion area since 1992.

He was born in Brilliant, Ala., on July 3, 1931, to Troy Monroe and Mabel Viola (Jenkins) Cook. He married Charlotte Norris in Lansing, Mich., on June 17, 1996. She preceded him in death in 1997.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Troy and Bud Cook; and a sister, Robbie O'Hara.

Surviving are two sons, Mark Cook of Monroe, Mich., and Kurtis Cook; two daughters and sons-in-law, Christina and Randy Kirkpatrick of Ligonier and Lynn and Joe Dassow of Phillips, Wis.; a brother, James Cook of Fallbrook, Calif.; two sisters, Polly Walsh of South Lyons, Mich., and Mary Schang of Brighton, Mich.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m. Monday at Greenlawn Cemetery in LaGrange. There is no calling.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Albion Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Dale Weber

ALBION — Dale H. Weber, 82, died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He worked as a serviceman for Northern Indiana Fuel & Light, retiring in 1975 after 15 years. He was also a co-owner and co-operator of Weber Bros. Plumbing. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a former Albion Township trustee and member of the Albion-Jefferson school board.

He attended Berean Baptist Church in Albion and was a former member of Burr Oak Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Kendallville. He umpired local baseball games for 20 years and served as a volunteer basketball coach in Albion for 10 years. In 1996 he was the Chain O' Lakes grand marshal.

He was born in Albion Feb. 19, 1920, to Rollie and Cleo (Huntsman) Weber. He married Betty Fuller at Wolf Lake Baptist Church in Wolf Lake Nov. 19, 1942. She preceded him in death Dec. 26, 1999.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Calvin and Elton Weber.

Surviving are two sons, Barry Weber of Bloomington, Minn., and Kent Weber of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and two sisters, Daisy Winebrenner and Eva Weber, both of Albion.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. The Rev. Doug Keenan will officiate. Burial is in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Berean Baptist Church in Albion.

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Elmer Buettner

HUNTERTOWN — Elmer H. F. Buettner, 95, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

He retired from his job as a truck driver with Stadler Wayne Trucks in Fort Wayne. He enjoyed hunting rabbits and raccoons. He also enjoyed raising dogs.

He was born in Union Township, Adams County, April 26, 1906, to Heinrick Buettner and Sydonia Noak.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Julia and Keith Yant of Huntertown; a son, Joseph Buettner of Columbia City; 17 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ilo L. (Waltz) Buettner, on May 6, 2000; three brothers, Norman, Oscar and Walter Buettner; and two sisters, Bertha Leffers and Erma Beeze.

Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Larry Smith will officiate. Burial is in Riverview Cemetery.

Calling is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

Thelma Hippensteel

HUNTINGTON — Thelma L. Hippensteel, 94, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at The Heritage of Huntington.

Services are pending at Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington.

Nina Sowles

LAGRANGE — Nina Sowles, 94, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 3:50 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor at LaGrange.

Mrs. Sowles was a homemaker and a member of the LaGrange Baptist Church.

She was born Oct. 14, 1907, in Hamilton to George B. and Sarah J. (Albright) Collins.

She married Jay E. Sowles on Dec. 6, 1924, in Coldwater, Mich. He died July 1, 1965.

Surviving are five sons, Leon Sowles, Eugene Sowles and Lloyd Sowles, all of Tahlequah, Okla., Ronald P. Sowles of Albion and Donald W. Sowles of Garrett; three daughters, Betty Jane Sauders of New Haven, Sandra Curtis of LaGrange and Diana Strong of Atlanta, Ga.; 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandchild, five brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Jeff Farnham officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Beatrice Brown

BRONSON, Mich. — Beatrice C. Brown, 84, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002, in the Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Brown had been a resident of Bronson, Mich., and formerly lived in Angola. She retired from Brighton Mushroom Farm in Brighton, Ind.

She was born Nov. 18, 1917, in Girard, Mich., to Thomas and Martha "Anna" (Merrifield) Herlan.

She married Chester Brown on July 23, 1949, in Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Floyd Johns of Angola; Georgia and Rob Sherman of Orland, and Kathy and Bob Brown of Niles, Mich.; one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Billie Green of Camden; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas and Darwin Herlan, and one granddaughter.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, with Pastor Dave Cole officiating. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery at Bronson.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Foundation.

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Mildred Hougendobler

HUNTINGTON — Mildred Mercides Hougendobler, 97, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, at home.

She was a homemaker and assisted her husband, Howard Harlan, on the family farm until her retirement in 1946. He preceded her in death in 1981.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Orville and Argyle L. Hougendobler; and three daughters, Noreen Hougendobler, Marie Scheiman and Louise Double.

Surviving are two sons, Virgyle H. Hougendobler of Huntington and Weldon G. Hougendobler of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Elizabeth Leininger of Yoder and Ruth Alice Dickerson of Columbia City; two sisters, Lucy Schuman of Wolcottville and Irma Caley of Sebring, Fla.; a brother, Charles A. Spear of Fort Wayne; 22 grandchildren; and several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Services are at 3 p.m. Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial is in South Park Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Memorials are to the Association for the Blind or Parkview-Huntington Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@demoneygrimes.com.

Scott Bailey

KENDALLVILLE — Scott L. Bailey, 53, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 7:20 p.m. in the V.A. Medical Center at Fort Wayne. His health had been failing for six months.

He was the former owner and operator of a delicatessen in Bloomington. He enjoyed helping others and maintenance work for area people. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Bailey was born July 17, 1948, at Kendallville to Lyle and Mildred (Zeiger) Bailey. His mother survives.

Also surviving are one brother, Brian Bailey of Indianapolis; one sister and brother-in-law, Julia and Don Grubaugh of LaOtto; and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Bailey.

Services are Monday at 1 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will follow in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the funeral home

Memorials are to the Intensive Care Unit of the V.A. Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Thomas Wehrenberg

FREMONT — Thomas A. Wehrenberg, 71, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 3:15 p.m. at his home at Clear Lake.

Mr. Wehrenberg had retired from W.A. Sheets & Sons Construction of Fort Wayne after many years of service.

He was a member of St. Paul Chapel Catholic Church at Clear Lake.

He was born April 23, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Henry and Bertha (Sandkuhler) Wehrenberg.

He married Mary Ann Parmelee on June 4, 1964, in Sidney, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Molly Bodenschatz of Fishers, Sally Heller of Fremont and Shirley Jones of Mansfield, Texas; one son, Timothy Wehrenberg of Edon, Ohio; two sisters, Joann Groth of Fort Wayne and Joyce Geroff of Naperville, Ill.; and one brother, David Wehrenberg of Tulsa, Okla.

A brother, Henry Wehrenberg, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Paul Chapel at Clear Lake. Father Philip Schneider will officiate. A private interment service will take place in Lakeside Cemetery of Fremont.

Calling is Monday from 10-11 a.m. at St. Paul Chapel.

Memorials are to the Fremont Public Library Building Fund or the Breeden YMCA of Angola.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

This obituary is being re-published with additional information about relatives.

Nina Sowles

LAGRANGE — Nina Sowles, 94, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 3:50 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor at LaGrange.

Mrs. Sowles was a homemaker and a member of the LaGrange Baptist Church.

She was born Oct. 14, 1907, in Hamilton to George B. and Sarah J. (Albright) Collins.

She married Jay E. Sowles on Dec. 6, 1924, in Coldwater, Mich. He died July 1, 1965.

Surviving are five sons, Leon Sowles , Eugene Sowles and Lloyd Sowles, all of Tahlequah, Okla., Ronald P. Sowles of Albion and Donald W. Sowles of Garrett; three daughters, Betty Jane Sauders of New Haven, Sandra Curtis of LaGrange and Diana Strong of Atlanta, Ga.; 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Dorsey; a grandchild, five brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Jeff Farnham officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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helma Holley

FORT WAYNE — Thelma U. olley, 80, died Friday, March 22, 02, at Parkview Hospital in Fort yne.

She was a homemaker and a mber of North Christian Church. e was born in Deshler, Ohio.

Her husband, Curtis F. Holley, ceded her in death in 1984. A ghter, Jean Greiner, died in 98 and two brothers, Harold and x Bishop, also are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Curtis K. of Otto; a daughter, LuAnn H. acobus of Fort Wayne; six grandhildren and four great-grandchilren.

Services will be held Monday at 0:30 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-7 p.m.

Memorials are to North Christian Church, the American Heart Association or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Paul Hollar

SYRACUSE — Paul E. Hollar, 85, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, Fla.

Mr. Hollar retired from the agriculture profession in 1982 and was a member of Hastings Island Chapel United Methodist Church in Milford, where he served as a Sunday school teacher. He also was a member of the St. Cloud Horseshoe Club, and was a former board member of the Kosciusko County REMC.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Lucy; a son, Terry L. of Milford; a daughter, Ginger Lull of Greenwood; two brothers, Everett of St. Cloud and Richard of Tampa, Fla.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Two brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Milford, with calling one hour before services and from 4-8 p.m. Monday. Burial will be in Milford Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Helen Fischer

FORT WAYNE — Helen K. Fischer, 91, died Friday, March 22, 2002, at Cedar Creek Nursing Home in Leo.

Mrs. Fischer was a resident of Rome City for 30 years. She worked as a secretary at Meridian Mutual Life for 10 years, retiring in 1975.

She was born Nov. 29, 1910, in Bluffon to Alva F. and Minnie (Church) Woodruff.

Her husband, Roland A., preceded her in death in 2000. A daughter, Carole Fischer McFarland, is also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara A. Hendrick of Fort Wayne; four grandchilden and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 4 p.m. in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, with the Rev. C. James Cress officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Cedar Creek Retirement Home in Leo or Heartland Hospice. Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Thelma Hippensteel

HUNTINGTON — Thelma L. Hippensteel, 94, of Huntington, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at The Heritage of Huntington.

She was a Wabash County native and retired from Huntington County Community School Corp. in 1972. She also farmed with her husband in Clear Creek Township.

She was a member of the Indiana State and Huntington Area retired teachers associations and Clear Creek Homemakers Club.

Surviving are four sons, Peter A. of Angola, Bruce H. of Wolcottville, Stanley G. of Huntington and Kirk E., M.D., of Roanoke, Va.; a daughter, Lynn A. Hippensteel of South Venice, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Dale E., two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Private family memorial services will be held at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington. There will be no calling. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Huntington North High School Library Media Center or an organization of the donor's choice.

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Jerry Brown

COLUMBIA CITY — Jerry L. Brown, 64, died Sunday, March 24, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He retired from International Harvester in 1983. He served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1963. He was a member of Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church, where he served as a trustee; American Legion Post 98; VFW Post 5582; and Eagles 1906.

He was born in Rochester on Dec. 21, 1937, to Ralph Earl and Mary Ethel (Atchinson) Brown. He grew up in the Pierceton and Columbia City areas, graduating from Coesse High School. He married Jeannette A. Wince on June 16, 1984. She survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robin and Kimberly Rodgers of Niceville, Fla.; a daughter, Tonya Brown of Columbia City; two grandchildren, Justin and Cassandra Rodgers; a great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Rodgers; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Betty and Bert Newell of Fort Wayne, Helen and David Grube of Wolcottville and Alice Hughes of Bryan, Ohio; and three brothers, Jim Brown of Fort Wayne and Roger and Norman Brown, both of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Emmajean and Hazel Brown and Shirley Brudi; and three brothers, Richard, Albert and Donald Brown.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. The Rev. Jason Gross will officiate. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church Handicap Accessibility Fund.

Charles Fritz

FORT WAYNE — Charles Ervin Fritz, 22, died last week in Fort Wayne in a traffic accident. He was last seen March 17 at 3 a.m. with his friend, Tad Maxwell, at Flanagan's Restaurant & Pub in Fort Wayne. Their bodies were found Friday in a car, submerged in a pond off Liberty Mills Road.

Mr. Fritz was a stockman at Arden in Kendallville and worked for Kitty Hawk at Fort Wayne International Airport. He formerly worked at Stein Mart in Orlando, Fla.

He lived most of his life in Fort Wayne. He attended the Church of the Good Shepherd in Leo and attended Northrop High School. He was a member of Sons of the American Legion and the Order of DeMolay, Fort Wayne chapter.

He was born Aug. 10, 1979, in Kendallville. His mother, Shirley G. Douglass, survives in Fort Wayne and his father, Jack Fritz, survives in Carmel.

Also surviving are two sisters, Hope M. Williams of Kendallville and Julie J. Fritz of Fort Wayne; his maternal grandmother, Norma Jones of Kendallville; and his former stepfather, Mark D. Douglass of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Charles Jones, and his paternal grandparents, Ervin and Betty Fritz.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Leo. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb, & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, on Dupont Road in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the family.

Frank Reed

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif. — Frank L. Reed, 81, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at Beverly Health Manor, Luguna Hills, Calif., of respiratory failure.

He was a retired postal clerk. He worked as a clerk for 25 years. He was a Technician Third Grade in the U.S. Army from 1940-1945. He earned two stars in the first Battle of Germany in World War II.

Mr. Reed was born in Kendallville in 1920 to Frank and Jessie Reed. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1937.

He married Gloria F. Reed. She died in 1965.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis Reed and Tim Reed both of Washington Terrace, Utah; three daughters, Judy Kemp of Fort Wayne, Gloria Reed of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., and Joan Fairchild of Mojave, Calif; two sisters, Connie Evers of Kendallville and Nancy Halferty of Albion; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A memorial graveside service will be scheduled for a later date in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the National Parkinson's Foundation.

Anna Tevis

NEW HAVEN — Anna L. Tevis, 65, died Friday, March 22, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She retired from Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. She was born in Ironton, Ohio.

Surviving are her husband, Curtis A. Tevis; two daughters, Terri Rojahn of Denver and Katheryn Landis of Woodburn; a son, Mark Tevis of Cromwell; a sister, Carolyn Goldblatt of Gahanna, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Sons Funeral Home in New Haven. Burial in IOOF Cemetery in New Haven.

Calling is 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials to the North Webster Lions Club.

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Russell Boots

ANGOLA — Russell C. Boots, 57, died Friday, March 8, 2002, in Angola.

Mr. Boots owned Russ Boots Dirt Work in Angola. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Orland post of the American Legion.

He was born Aug. 5, 1944, in Garrett to Robert and Byrdenia (Alleshouse) Boots. They survive in Hudson.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and LeAnn Boots of Angola; one daughter, Tamara Kurtz of Orland; three brothers, Alan Boots of Howe and Vance Boots and Eric Boots, both of Hudson, and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian E. Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery of Steuben County. There will be no calling.

James Ervin Jr.

ANGOLA — James O. Ervin Jr., 68, died Sunday, March 24, 2002, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Ervin was a retired employee of Nishakawa Standard Co., now called Nisco, in Topeka. He was a Korean conflict veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He lived in Angola and was a member of Northeastern Masonic Lodge 210, F.& A.M., and Fremont American Legion Cassell Post 257.

He was born Sept. 4, 1933, in Weiner, Ark., to James Otis Ervin Sr. and Helen S. (Merritt) Ervin.

He married Connie K. Johnson on June 14, 1986, in Marion, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Lisa Ann Hogan of Toledo, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Christine Warner of Angola and Julie Drake of Marion; one brother, John T. Ervin of Rockport, Texas; two sisters, Sue English of Anderson and Vera Foust of Port Charlotte, Fla.; two grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren.

One son, Joseph Ervin, preceded him in death in 1982.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

George Wonderly

FORT WAYNE — George H. Wonderly, 77, died Sunday at Regency Place Nursing Home.

He worked in the maintenance department of ITT Corp., retiring in 1987 after 37 years.

He was born in Mark Center, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Etelka Wonderly; a daughter, Linda Christlieb of Fort Wayne; a sister, Gladys Detmon of Antwerp, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two stepsons, James Eastman of Fort Wayne and Ronald Eastman of Churubusco; and two stepdaughters, Janice Circle of Fort Wayne and Sheryl Patterson of Grabill.

Services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home.

Memorials to Parkview Hospice & Home Health Care.

Dorie Gillespie

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Dorie Delano "T" Gillespie, 32, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Formerly of Fort Wayne, he was enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Surviving are his parents, Rosa Jean and Dorie Gillespie of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Charles "Bubba" Outlaw of Seattle, Marc and Ricky Outlaw and Dedrick Gillespie, all of Fort Wayne, and Jerry Outlaw of Albion; a sister, Kathy Young of Fort Wayne; and his grandmothers, Zelma Gillespie of Fort Wayne and Rosie Batson of Woodlawn, Tenn.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in For Wayne. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the church and from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Carmichael Funeral Service.

Donald Brewster

LAKE EVERETT — Donald T. Brewster, 55, died early today, March 27, 2002, at home.

Among survivors are his wife, Kay, and a son, Tom.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Leila Ferguson

FORT WAYNE — Leila G. Ferguson, 86, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at Kingston Health Care Center.

She was a homemaker and was born in Lansing, Mich.

Surviving are three sons, Sherrill Ferguson of Albion and Don and Ralph Ferguson, both of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert C. Ferguson, who died in 1995.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Liberty Mills Nazarene Church. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at the church.

C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Priscilla Uebelhoer** were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. James Toole officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were Tom and Bill Gisel, Mike and Brian Uebelhoer and David and Daniel Lee.

Loretta Raub

HUNTERTOWN — Loretta Raub, 86, died Monday, March 25, 2002, at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Raub was a department manager with Broadway Stores for 23 years, retiring in 1983. She lived in Huntertown and was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born July 18, 1915, in Garrett.

She married Robert Raub on Feb. 9, 1936, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sisters, Barbara Hoffmeyer of Waterloo and Jacqueline Swain of Cantonment, Fla.; two nieces, Barbara Dawson of Huntertown and Becky Freck of Nashville, Tenn.; one nephew, John Raub of Peru, Ind.; and a sister-in-law, Frances Freck of Huntertown.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 7401 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne, with calling there after 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb, & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1370 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Resurrection Lutheran Church music fund or Sacred Heart Garden Fund.

Lucille Rubley

FREMONT — Lucille Rubley, 86, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, in Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Rubley lived in Fremont and was retired from her work as a secretary for L.A. Darling Co. in Bronson, Mich.

She was born July 12, 1915, in Bronson to Jay and Iva (Tozier) Wilber.

She married Ronald Wayne Rubley on March 9, 1935. He died Aug. 28, 1994.

Surviving are one daughter, Elayne Willms of Fremont; one son and daughter-in-law, James and Jane Rubley of Fremont; one son-in-law, James Willms of LaGrange; three grandsons and a spouse, Tim and Dana Willms of Fremont, and Andrew and Matthew Rubley, both of Fremont; and six great-grandchildren, Lucas and Tylor Willms, and Jeremiah, Jessica, Joshua, and Jennifer Alexander, all of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Rubley; and one grandchild, Kimber Willms.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Orland Fire & Rescue.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

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Mildred Tester

FORT WAYNE — Mildred L. "Millie" Tester, 73, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

She was a diamond die driller with Fort Wayne Wire & Die, retiring in 1983 after 23 years. She was born in Kewanne, Ill.

Surviving are two daughters, Shirley Thomas of Wolcottville and Sharon Hendricks of Fort Wayne; two sons, Michael E. Clouse of Fort Wayne and Steven A. Clouse of Coleville, Wash.; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George E. Tester, who died in 1997.

Services are 1 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association Northeast Indiana Chapter.

Robert Wright

MONTPELIER — Robert L. Wright, 70, formerly of Kendallville, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at home in Montpelier.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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illiam L. Cook

LBION-William L. Cook, lied of natural causes at his lence in Autumn Hills, on on Sunday, March 17,

e was born on July 31, in Brilliant, Alabama to Monroe and Mabel Viola ins) Cook. Mr. Cook had in the Albion area since coming from Clearwater, He operated Cook's er, which was a enience store located in heraton Sand Key Resort learwater, Florida. He d in the US Navy. He was y active member of the on Fraternal Order of s.

e married Charlotte ris) Cook on June 17, in Lansing Michigan. She ded him in death in 1997.

e is survived by two sons, Cook of Monroe igan and Kurtis Cook eabouts unknown; two hters, Christina and her nd Randy Kirkpatrick of nier; Lynn and her and Joe Dassow of ips, Wisconsin; one ler James Cook of rook California; two s, Polly Walsh of South s, Michigan and Mary g of Brighton, Michigan; grandchildren; two great-children. Preceding him ath in addition to his wife two brothers, Bud and and a sister Robbie ra.

ere will be no visitation. ation will take place and veside committal service eld on Monday, March 25 eenwood Cemetery in ange. Arrangements by -Renner Funeral Home in ier.

eferred memorials are to on Fraternal Order of s, 111 West Hazel, n, IN 46701.

Dale H. Weber

ALBION-Dale H. Weber, 82, died at 8:10 pm on Tuesday, March 19, 2002 at Parkview Noble in Kendallville.

He was born on Feb. 19, 1920 in Albion to Rollie and Cleo (Huntsman) Weber, both deceased.

On November 19, 1942 at Wolf Lake Baptist Church in Wolf Lake he married Betty (Fuller) Weber. She preceded him in death on Dec. 26, 1999.

Dale was a Northern Indiana Fuel & Light service man for 15 years retiring in 1975 and formerly of Weber Bros. Plumbing. He had lived in the Albion community all of his life. Dale was a WWII U. S. Army veteran; attended Berean Baptist Church in Albion; former Albion Twp Trustee; former Albion-Jefferson School Board member; former member of Burr Oak Baptist Church and former of First Baptist Church in Kendallville; umpired local baseball for 20 years; volunteer Albion Basketball coach for 10 years; and 1996 Chain of Lake Grand Marshal.

Surviving are two sons, Barry Weber of Bloomington Minnesota and Kent Weber of Ft. Wayne; five grandchildren; two sisters, Daisy Winebrenner and Eva Weber both of Albion.

He was preceded in death by two brothers Calvin and Elton Weber.

Services were held on Saturday, March 23, 2002 at Brazzell- Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Preferred memorials are to Berean Baptist Church in Albion.

Nina Sowles, 94

LAGRANGE-Nina Sowles, 94, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 3:50 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor at LaGrange.

Mrs. Sowles was a homemaker and a member of the LaGrange Baptist Church.

She was born Oct. 14, 1907, in Hamilton to George B. and Sarah J. (Albright) Collins.

She married Jay E. Sowles on Dec. 6, 1924, in Coldwater, Mich. He died July 1, 1965.

Surviving are five sons, Leon Sowles, Eugene Sowles and Lloyd Sowles, all of Tahlequah, Okla., Ronald P. Sowles of Albion and Donald W. Sowles of Garrett; three daughters, Betty Jane Sauders of New Haven, Sandra Curtis of LaGrange and Diana Strong of Atlanta, Ga.; 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandchild, five brothers and three sisters.

Services were held on Monday, March 25, 2002 at Fuller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Jeff Farnham officiating. Burial was in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to: sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Frank Reed

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif.- Frank L. Reed, 81, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002 at Beverly Health Manor, Luguna Hills, Calif., of respiratory failure.

He was a retired postal clerk. He worked as a clerk for 25 years. He was a Technician Third Grade in the U. S. Army from 1940-1945. He earned two stars in the first Battle of Germany in World War II.

Mr. Reed was born in Kendallville in 1920 to Frank and Jessie Reed. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1937.

He married Gloria F. Reed. She died in 1965.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis Reed and Tim Reed both of Washington Terrace, Utah; three daughters, Judy Kemp of Fort Wayne, Gloria Reed of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif; two sisters, Connie Evers of Kendallville and Nancy Halferty of Albion; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A memorial graveside service will be scheduled for a later date in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the National Parkinson's Foundation.

Dorie Gillespie

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Dorie Delano "T" Gillespie, 32, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Formerly of Fort Wayne, he was enlisted in the U. S. Air Force.

Surviving are his parents, Rosa Jean and Dorie Gillespie of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Charles "Bubba" Outlaw of Seattle, Marc and Ricky Outlaw and Dedrick Gillespie, all of Fort Wayne, and Jerry Outlaw of Albion; a sister, Kathy Young of Fort Wayne; and his grandmothers, Zelma Gillespie of Fort Wayne and Rosie Batson of Woodlawn, Tenn.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2002 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the church and from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Carmichael Funeral Service

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Noelys Martin

GARRETT — Noelys "Noely" J. Martin, 75, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at Wellstar at Windy Hill Hospital in Marietta, Ga.

Mrs. Martin

She was a homemaker and lived in Garrett for most of her life before moving to Woodstock, Ga., four months ago.

She was born July 18, 1926, in Elkhart to Frank and Pauline (Bausserman) Hawn.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Karen and Ed Stahley of Nappanee, Jane and Steve Sprague of Garrett, Becky and Grover Bailey of Garrett, Myra and Mark Stone of Woodstock, Ga., and Melody Custer of Garrett; a stepdaughter, Linda Bishop of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Manny Hawn of Rome City, Derryl Hawn of Garrett, Duane Hawn of Larwill, and Kirby Hawn of Hamilton; three sisters, LaDial White of Butler, Margaret "Peg" Yoder of Missouri, and Retha Cluster of Butler; 12 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Tommy; an infant daughter, Rebecca; and a brother, Keith Hawn.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery at Larwill.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Donald Brewster

LAKE EVERETT — Donald T. Brewster, 55, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at home.

He was a self-employed construction and home improvement worker, retiring in 1994. He was born in War, W.Va., on Nov. 28, 1946, to Carmen and Clavia Katherine (Baker) Brewster. He spent most of his formative years in the War area, moving to Allen County in 1966.

He married Kay L. Easterly in 1968; they spent most of their married life in Allen County, moving to War five years ago but returning to Allen County earlier this month. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Tina Brewster of Lake Everett; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Carmen Edward Jr. and Cynthia Brewster of Florida and John and Sherry Brewster of War; a sister, Barbara Anderson of War; and two grandchildren, Nick and Andrea Brewster, both of Lake Everett.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

No services or calling are scheduled.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Richard Lemish

CHURUBUSCO — Richard A. Lemish of rural Churubusco died early today at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Among survivors is his wife, Peg.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

William Goff

FORT MYERS, Fla. — William L. Goff, 74, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, in Fort Myers, Fla.

Mr. Goff was a former Kendallville resident. He retired as plant manager of American Tool & Engineering. He spent winters in Fort Myers and summers in Indianapolis.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born June 9, 1927, in West Virginia to Elsa and Catherine Goff.

He married Faye Cooper on Dec. 23, 1945, in West Virginia and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, William L. Goff II and Lisa Goff of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Roger Knox of Avilla, and Alice and Charles Harris of Indianapolis; one sister, Barbara Larsh of Marietta, Ga.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held in Indianapolis at a later date. Memorial services were held in Florida.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Robert Wright

MONTPELIER — Robert L. Wright, 70, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at home.

He worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War. He graduated from Tri-State University in Angola with a chemical engineering degree.

He was born in Elkhart on Oct. 27, 1931, to Raymond and Bertha (Zawadzke) Wright. He lived most of his life in Kendallville, moving to Montpelier in 1985.

Surviving are two brothers, John Wright of Kendallville and Jack Wright of Columbia, Md.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Lois Wright and Alice Goette; and two brothers, Clyde and Don Wright.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Paul B. Griebel will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Dixie Creager

FORT WAYNE — Dixie E. Creager, 61, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a group home manager for Your Friends & Neighbors in Fort Wayne. She was born in Coldwater, Mich.

Surviving are three daughters, Shelly Richmond of Butler, Shannon Shaneyfelt of Albion and Andrea Stanley of Angola; a stepdaughter, Carol Richmond of Indianapolis; two stepsons, Larry Creager of Corunna and Kevin Creager of Auburn; six grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and a sister, Judy Barnhart of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard W. Creager, who died in 1986.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Church of the Good Shepherd in Leo-Cedarville. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Kenneth Schwarz

PORT HUENEME, Calif. — Kenneth Edward Schwarz, 36, died Friday, March 22, 2002, in Oxnard, Calif.

He worked in the automotive industry as a warehouse manager for Scott Drake Enterprises. He enjoyed playing the guitar and riding motorcycles. He lived in Ventura County, Calif., for 16 years.

He was born in Corona, Calif., on July 29, 1965, to Jerry and Barbara (Hoffelder) Schwarz, both of whom were born and raised in Kendallville. His father survives in Kennesaw, Ga. He was preceded in death by his mother, who died in 2000.

Also surviving are his wife, Chris Colborne-Schwarz of Port Hueneme; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jeff and Alysia Schwarz of Santa Clarita, Calif., and Mike and Wendy Schwarz of Temecula, Calif.; a niece, Melissa Schwarz of Temecula; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services were Wednesday at Ted Mayr Funeral Home in Ventura, Calif. The Rev. Jonathan Mulford officiated.

Maxine Denny

NILES, Mich. — Maxine Mae Denny, 75, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph, Mich.

She worked as a chiropractic assistant and lived in Kendallville for 25 years.

She was born in Buena Vista County, Iowa, on Nov. 7, 1926, to Sylvan and Bernice (Hartung) Adams. She married John E. Denny in Washington on April 14, 1946. She was preceded in death by her husband, who died in May 1991.

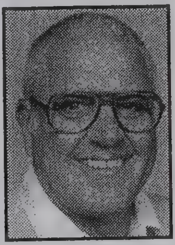
Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Carol Denny of Niles, Mich.

No services or calling is scheduled.

Hoven Funeral Home in Buchanan, Mich., is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Lemish

CHURUBUSCO — Richard A. Lemish, 65, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Lemish

He worked in the warehouse of Food Marketing in Fort Wayne, retiring in 2000 after 33 years. He enjoyed bowling, with membership in three different leagues, golf and spending time with his friends and family. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco.

He was born in Green Township on Aug. 13, 1936, to Edward and Kaye (Kimmel) Lemish. He spent his formative years in the Churubusco area and was educated there.

He married Peggy Leazier in Ege on June 14, 1958. They spent all of their married life in the Churubusco area, living in their present home since 1967. She survives in Churubusco.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rick Lemish of Churubusco and Blake and Susan Lemish of Albion; a sister, Martha Ferguson of Churubusco; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Kenny and Toni Lemish and Steve and Sandi Lemish, all of Albion, and Jim Lemish of Kendallville; and four grandchildren, Jake, Amanda, Bradley and Alex Lemish.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Jonhenry Lemish, who died Oct. 21, 1995.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Monday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco. Father Danny Pinto will officiate. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with rosary service at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Foundation.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Joyce Kelley

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Joyce M. Kelley, 73, died Wednesday at Community Hospital in New Port Richey, Fla.

Formerly of Fort Wayne, she retired in 1991 from the housekeeping department at the Fort Wayne State Development Center.

She was born in Jackson, Mich.

Surviving are two sons, James E. Kelley of Fort Wayne and Richard L. Kelley of Florida; a daughter, Mickie Downend of Fort Wayne; a brother, Clifford D. Cox of Auburn; three sisters, Beulah Seymour of Colorado, Betty L. McConnell of Pleasant Lake and Wava J. McDonald of Ashley; an adopted sister, Elizabeth Evans; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services are pending for Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Rosemary McConnell

CHURUBUSCO — Rosemary McConnell died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at the family residence in Green Township.

Among the survivors is her husband, Jack McConnell.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Rosemary McConnell

ALBION — Rosemary McConnell, 42, of rural Albion died at 6:37 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2002, at her home. She had been in declining health since December 2001.

She was born in Churubusco on Nov. 4, 1929, to Frank and Claire (Niess) Kocher.

Mrs. McConnell

As a young girl, she moved to El Cajon, Calif., with her parents, and spent her formative years there. She returned to this area in 1947, and married Jack D. McConnell in California on Sept. 26, 1948.

The couple spent most of their married life in the Churubusco area, and had lived at their present home in Green Township since 1971.

Always interested in the education of young people, she worked as a secretary at both the former Green Center Elementary School and Churubusco Elementary School, and was later the librarian at Churubusco Elementary. She retired in 1990 as a vocational education teacher in the Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community School District in Garrett after 14 years.

She was a naturalist and had a vital interest in the Native American people and culture.

Surviving relatives include her husband; three daughters and sons-in-law, George and Jacqueline M. Campana of Albion, Gary and Jill C. Bontrager of LaOtto, and David and Joan Schnellbach of Churubusco; four sons and daughters-in-law, David R. and Karen McConnell of Churubusco, Jerry L. and Carol McConnell of Muncie, Richard and Rhonda McConnell of Dayton, Ohio, and Joel I. and Colette McConnell of Albion; four brothers, Robert McConnell of Cortez, Colo., Roger Kocher and Martin Kocher, both of El Cajon, Calif., and Richard Kocher of Los Angeles, Calif.; 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Eric Ball of Albion Wesleyan Church officiating.

Calling is from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Rosemary McConnell Memorial Fund, c/o Farmers and Merchants Bank, P.O. Box 224, Churubusco, IN 46723.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Cynthia Davis

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Cynthia Davis, 48, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at Middle Tennessee Medical Center in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

She was born on Jan. 27, 1954, in Port Smith, Va., to Donald and Patricia (Schroeder) Godsell.

She was employed by TN Rehabilitation Center in Smyrna, Tenn.

A native of Port Smith, Va., she lived in Clarksville before moving to Murfreesboro two years ago.

She is survived by a daughter, Angie Miller of Smyrna, Tenn.; a brother, Daniel Godsell of Fort Wayne; and her mother, Patricia Walters of Kendallville.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Visitation will take place at the funeral home from noon to 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CNA Program in care of TN Rehabilitation Center, 460 9th Ave., Smyrna, TN.

Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefunderalhom.com.

Neal Reichard

WAWAKA — Neal R. Reichard, 74, of Wawaka died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at 12:30 p.m. following a traffic accident on U.S. 6.

The life-long Noble County resident was born on Oct. 31, 1927, in Kendallville to Harold A. and Hilda C. (Bowman) Reichard.

He previously worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and was then employed as a forklift operator with Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne, where he worked for 27 years. Most recently, he had been a driver for the Amish community.

Mr. Reichard served in the U.S. Army. He was also a member of Wawaka United Methodist Church and the West Noble American Legion, where he held the office of chaplain.

He was preceded in death by two wives. He first married Joan Wisniewski, and then Wahneta Moore. Two sisters, Shirley M. Nicodemus and Evelyn C. Leitch, also preceded him in death.

He is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra K. Gray of Fort Wayne, and Cynthia S. and Don Kordell of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; two brothers, Harold T. Reichard of Fort Wayne and Jerry L. Reichard of Wawaka; two sisters, Barbara Lehman of Wawaka and Elizabeth J. Lemon of Wawaka; grandchildren Amanda Gray and Danny Gray Jr.; one great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion, with military graveside rights.

Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Hazel Robeson

KENDALLVILLE — Hazel B. (Evers) Robeson, 83, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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This obituary is being republished with additional information about relatives.

Noelys Martin

GARRETT — Noelys "Noely" J. Martin, 75, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at Wellstar at Windy Hill Hospital in Marietta, Ga.

Noelys Martin

She was a homemaker and lived in Garrett for most of her life before moving to Woodstock, Ga., four months ago.

She was born July 18, 1926, in Elkhart to Frank and Pauline (Bausserman) Hawn.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Karen and Ed Stahley of Nappanee, Jane and Steve Sprague of Garrett, Becky and Grover Bailey of Garrett, Myra and Mark Stone of Woodstock, Ga., and Melody Custer of Garrett; a stepdaughter, Linda Bishop of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Manny Hawn of Rome City, Derryl Hawn of Garrett, Duane Hawn of Larwill, and Kirby Hawn of Hamilton; three sisters, LaDial White of Butler, Margaret "Peg" Yoder of Missouri, and Retha Cluster of Butler; 12 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Tommy; an infant daughter, Rebecca; a brother, Keith Hawn; a grandson, Brian Stahley; and two great-grandsons, Ryan Troyer and Logan Bailey.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery at Larwill.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Aileen Sartor

AVILLA — Aileen M. Sartor, 80, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at 6 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Sartor worked in the Garrett High School cafeteria for nine years and as a secretary to Father Hoeval for six years.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, Harvest House, Rosary Society and Daughters of Isabella. She was past president of the Legion of Mary.

She had lived in Avilla for the past four years.

She was born Oct. 26, 1911, in Garrett to Emanuel G. and Martha (Genda) Pfaff.

She married Carl H. Sartor on July 27, 1927, in Garrett. He died April 9, 1996.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Larry Martin of Fort Wayne; one brother, Ralph Pfaff of Avilla; three granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Pfaff, and a sister, Dorothy Holsenberg.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Father Daniel R. Leeuw will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Monday from 2-6 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Leona Detlefsen

KENDALLVILLE — Leona M. (Schuman) Detlefsen, 88, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at Epoch Senior Healthcare in Brewster, Mass.

She was born on Nov. 10, 1913, in Kendallville to Fredrick and Minnie (Rummel) Schuman. In 1935, she married Paul Detlefsen in Kendallville. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Detlefsen was a homemaker.

She lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from 1935 until 1971, when she moved back to Kendallville. In 1990, she moved to Brewster, Mass., to live with her daughter.

In addition to her husband, a daughter, Margaret J. Bendewald of Baltimore, Md., preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Irvin and Walter Schuman, and two sisters, Elsie Schuman and Ester Baughman.

She is survived by two daughters, Janet Detlefsen of Brewster, Mass., and Ellen Worthington of Mt. Lake Terrace, Wash.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, one niece; and three nephews.

Services will be at noon Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with calling one hour before services.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Memorials are to Hospice & Palliative Care of Cape Cod, 270 Communication Way, Hyannis, MA 02601.

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Guadalupe Rodriguez

CROMWELL — Guadalupe Rodriguez, 29, of Cromwell died Thursday, March 28, 2002, in a traffic accident.

She was born on Dec. 18, 1972, in Brownsville, Texas, to Rodolfo Rodriguez and Alejandra Morales Rodriguez.

She worked as a computer operator at various businesses.

She is survived by her parents; three daughters, Bianca Jasmine Rodriguez, Jane Francis Rodriguez and Myra Alejandra Rodriguez; one son, Juan Francisco Rodriguez; two brothers, Rodolfo Rodriguez and Jorge Alejandra Rodriguez; three sisters, Cynthia Degallado, Herlinda Gutierrez and Juana Guzman; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are pending at Buena Vista Funeral Home in Brownsville, Texas.

Ligonier attorney Howard Heckner dies

LIGONIER — Longtime Ligonier attorney Howard G. Heckner, 70, of Ligonier died Friday, March 29, 2002, at his home.

He was born Feb. 12, 1932, in Neenah, Wis.

Survivors include his wife, Lois; a son, Richard; and two daughters, Katherine Ulrey and Anne Holland.

Services are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. The funeral home Web site, www.ulrey-rennerfuneralhome.com, can be checked for updated information.

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Larry Burkhalter

MARATHON, Fla. — Larry L. Burkhalter, 44, of Marathon, Fla., died Monday, March 4, 2002, in Marathon.

He was a Fort Wayne native and had worked for Beneway, Inc. and The News-Sentinel in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two daughters, Haley R. and Jessica L., both of Marathon; his father, Norman of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Connie J. Likes of Angola and Sondra C. Miller of Hudson; a brother, Fred R. of Cincinnati; his former wife, Laura Dickens; and his friend, Terry Hillbig.

His mother, Phyllis, preceded him in death.

Services were held March 11 at McCluney Funeral Home in Marathon.

Leona Detlefsen

KENDALLVILLE — Leona M. Schuman Detlefsen, 88, of Kendallville and formerly of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at Epoch Senior Healthcare in Brewster, Mass.

She was a Kendallville native and a homemaker.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet Detlefsen of Brewster, Mass., and Ellen Worthington of Mount Lake Terrace, Wash.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, a daughter, Margaret J. Bendewald, two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held Monday at noon at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with calling one hour before services. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Hospice & Paliative Care of Cape Cod, 270 Communications Way, Hyannis, Mass. 12601.

Oliver Krueger

ANGOLA — Oliver M. Krueger, 76, of Angola died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at 5 p.m. at his home.

He was born May 18, 1925, in Cold Springs, Minn., to Frank Krueger and Elizabeth (Stomas) Krueger. Mr. Krueger married Ursula Brinkman on June 3, 1947, and she died in 1977.

During his life, Krueger worked as a housekeeping supervisor at the VA Hospital in Marion. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post 95 in Jonesboro, the VFW Post 6728 in Gas City, and Gas City Moose Lodge 1778.

Mr. Krueger is survived by two sons, David Krueger of Waterboro, Maine, and Thomas Krueger of Nevis, Minn.; two daughters, Marlene Sweet of Angola and Catherine Dennis of Delano, Minn.; one brother, Melvin Krueger of Richmond, Minn.; one sister, Valeria Rauchendorfer of St. Cloud, Minn.; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by one brother, Marcellus Krueger, and two sisters, LaVern Loesch and Arnella Hansen.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Gas City with the Rev. Dave Newton officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Gas City.

Suggested memorials are to the American Cancer Society. Johnson-Klink Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Hazel Evers Robeson

KENDALVILLE — Hazel Evers Robeson, 83, lifelong Kendallville resident, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where she had resided since 1999.

She and her sister were truck drivers for the family business, Kendallville Fertilizer, Inc., from 1941-1945. She then spent 10 years as a homemaker before purchasing, with her first husband, the J.R. Stonebraker Chrysler-Plymouth dealership in 1955, serving as secretary-treasurer until her retirement in October, 1980. She enjoyed lawn work and gardening. She was a member of the Lady Elks and the Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Robeson

She was born Jan. 8, 1919, to Lionel and Wilodean (Miller) Kreischer. She married Walter Evers on Aug. 21, 1938, in DeKalb County, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 4, 1968. She then married Robert Robeson in 1977, and he died Aug. 28, 1988. Five sisters, Elizabeth Zawadzke and Catherine Duvve, both of Kendallville, Maxine Bauman and Martha Clement, both of Auburn and Josephine Nelson of Cincinnati, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Sara Judith Evers of Kendallville; a grandson and his wife, Stephen and Denise Evers of Rome City; a great-granddaughter, Delaney Evers of Rome City; and three sisters, Barbara "Bobbie" Mayne of Kendallville, Marlyn "Corky" Hoffien of Fairborn, Ohio, and Jenny Ringler of Auburn.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with calling from 9-11 a.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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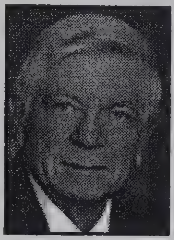
Howard Heckner

LIGONIER — Howard G. Heckner, 70, of Ligonier, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at his home.

He was an attorney in general practice at his firm, Heckner & Kirsch. He and his son had owned and operated WLNB Radio, where he broadcast the daily news and the "Music for a Sunday Morning" classical music radio program. He lived in Ligonier since moving from Goshen in 1962.



Mr. Heckner

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, of Ligonier, and served on its board of elders. He was a founding member of the church and the Noble County Community Foundation, which bestowed on him the Giver of Gifts award last year. He served on the board of directors for the G. Martin Kenney Foundation, the ennie Thompson Foundation and he Ligonier Industrial Development Corp. He was also a member of the West Noble American Legion.

He had served as school attorney for West Noble and Central Noble school corporations, and was a member of the Noble County Bar Association. He served for many years as a director for American State Bank and had also been city attorney for Ligonier.

He was instrumental in forming he Ligonier Historical Society and ecuring the Jewish synagogue which houses its museum. He was an airplane pilot and enjoyed spontaneous flights with his family and friends. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Feb. 12, 1932, in Neenah, Wis., to George A. and Erna (Pagel) Heckner. On Sept. 10, 1956, in Orleans, France, he married Lois J. Miller, and his wife survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Esther Heckner of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Katherine and Joseph Ulrey of Dearborn, Mich., and Anne and Dan Holland of New Bedford, Md.; a sister, Dorothy Mendonca of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ligonier, with the Rev. Russell Fuhrmann officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the church. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis Johnson

ALBION — Phyllis Rose Johnson, 76, of High Lake, Albion, and formerly of Churubusco, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

She was a native of Pierceton and worked at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne, and at Kroger's, Freeman's Department Store, Western Auto and American Legion and VFW posts, all in Churubusco. She was past president and charter member of the VFW and American Legion Post 157.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Mary L. Grimes of Big Lake; and three stepgrandchildren. Her husband, Kenneth W., preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City, with calling from 11 a.m. until services. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton.

Clara Kuehner

FREMONT — Clara Hope Kuehner, 49, of Fremont and formerly of Churubusco, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne of complications from heart surgery.

A Churubusco High School graduate, she had worked at Genaco, Inc., in Merriam for 10 years, and later worked at C.F. Gomma USA, Inc., in Columbia City. She enjoyed her family and friends and playing Bingo.

Mrs. Kuehner

She was born in Wolf Lake Sept. 15, 1952, to Roger D. and Marceil M. (Deck) Eamick. On May 25, 1973, she married Ronald C. Kuehner, living first in Whitley County and then moving to Fremont in 1995. Her husband survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Renita Kuehner of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Brandy Kuehner of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Dick Kirkpatrick of Rome City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Tony and Louise Eamick and Dean and Rita Eamick, all of Tucson, Ariz.; and two grandchildren, Joey and Brayden Kuehner.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Tuesday. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Merriam.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Mildred McGinnis

FREMONT — Mildred H. "Millie" McGinnis, 90, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, in her Fremont home.

Mrs. McGinnis was a homemaker and a graduate of Wabash High School. She attended York United Methodist Church and was a member of the Steuben County Woman's Club.

She was born Jan. 22, 1912, in Wabash County. Her mother and stepfather, Murrel (Dawes) and Ross Miller, preceded her in death.

She married Harold McGinnis on Dec. 20, 1935. He died in December 1987.

Surviving are one nephew, Toby Rife of Wabash; two cousins, Robert Dawes and Ralph Dawes of LaFontaine; a sister, Vera Graves of Yuma, Ariz.; and a friend, Wanita Sellers of Angola.

Two brothers, Dorwin Rife and Don Rife, preceded her in death.

Graveside services were held Friday in Friends Cemetery, Wabash, with Robert Dawes officiating. There was no calling.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, was in charge of arrangements.

Myrtle Bearman

FREMONT — Myrtle M. Bearman, 90, of Snow Lake, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at Hospice Home in Tavares, Fla.

She was the former co-owner of L&M Motors and Goodale Abstract, both Angola businesses. She was a member of the Angola Order of the Eastern Star 76 and the Angola Business and Professional Women.

She was born Sept. 9, 1911, in Fort Wayne, to Leonard H. and Mable (Wallace) Hanis. She married Leonard H. Bearman, and he preceded her in death May 27, 1989.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Leonard C. and Alta Bearman of Valdosta, Ga.; and a granddaughter and her husband, Linda B. and John Glesby of Park City, Utah.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to an organization of the donor's choice or Hospice of Lake & Sumpter, 12300 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778.

The following obituary is being republished to provide additional information.

Hazel Evers Robeson

KENDALLVILLE — Hazel Evers Robeson, 83, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Robeson

She worked from 1941 to 1945 for Kendallville Fertilizer Inc. while her husband was serving in the armed forces. From 1945 to 1955 she was a homemaker, and from 1955 until her retirement in 1980 she worked as secretary/treasurer for J.R. Stonebraker Chrysler-Plymouth Dealership, which she and her first husband, Walter Evers, owned.

She enjoyed lawn work and gardening. She was a member of the Lady Elks and Women of the Moose.

She was born in Kendallville on Jan. 8, 1919, to Lionel and Wilda (Miller) Kreischer.

She married Mr. Evers in DeKalb County on Aug. 21, 1938. He preceded her in death Dec. 4, 1968. She then married Robert Robeson in 1977. He preceded her in death Aug. 28, 1988.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Sara Judith Evers of Kendallville; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Stephen and Denice Evers of Rome City; a great-granddaughter, Delaney Evers of Rome City; three sisters, Barbara "Bobbie" Mayne of Kendallville, Marlyn "Corky" Hoffien of Fairborn, Ohio, and Jenny Ringler of Auburn.

She was also preceded in death by five sisters, Elizabeth Zawadzke and Catherine Duve, both of Kendallville, Maxine Bauman and Martha Clement, both of Auburn, and Josephine Nelson of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to St. Francis Hall Alzheimers Unit at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Colton and Caden Rollins

ALBION — Colton K. Rollins and Caden J. Rollins, infant twin sons of Brad and Jennifer Rollins of Albion, died last week at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Colton died Friday, March 29, 2002. Caden died Saturday, March 30, 2002.

They were born March 29, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

In addition to the parents, surviving are a brother, Blake Rollins of Albion; grandparents, Keith and Jane Kline of Albion and Gregg and Pam Rollins of Albion; great-grandparents, Lois Poyser of Kendallville, Larry Rollins of Wolf Lake and Art Reeve of Albion; and several aunts and uncles.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Asbury United Methodist Church. The Rev. Don Poyser will officiate. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church.

Orr Funeral Home in Albion is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Jennie Geller

COLUMBIA CITY — Jennie Geller, 89, died Monday, April 1, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include her husband, Donald G. Geller; a daughter, Rosalie Byrne of Churubusco; and five sons, Donald E., Kenneth C., John E., Joseph D. and James A. Geller, all of Fort Wayne.

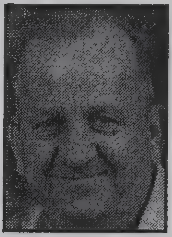
Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

John Bloomfield

ROME CITY — John E. Bloomfield, 79, died Sunday, March 31, 2002, at home.

He was a self-employed contractor and also worked as a bus driver for East Noble School Corp. He was a past commander of Rome City American Legion Post 381, past fire chief of the Orange Township Fire Department and a member of the Rome City Park Board. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.



Mr. Bloomfield

He was born in Kendallville on Aug. 17, 1922, to Emil and Caroline (Engle) Bloomfield. He graduated from Rome City High School.

He married Patricia C. Bowser in Kendallville on May 10, 1947. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, John and Shirley Bloomfield of Page, Ariz., Jeff Bloomfield of Rome City, Robert and Deb Bloomfield of Wolcottville and Jerry and Ellen Bloomfield of Northbrook, Ill.; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Rita and Jim Tritch of Pleasant Lake, Rose Stienbarger of Henderson, N.C., Joan and Terry Keck of Wolcottville and Renee and David Perkinson of Indianapolis; 22 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a brother, Robert Bloomfield of Yuba City, Calif.; and two sisters, Bessie Castator of Ligonier and Catherine Wilson of Butler.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Greg Stienbarger; three brothers, Melvin, Amos and Clarence Bloomfield; and a granddaughter.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. The Rev. Brian VanOsdol will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 4 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or the Orange Township Fire Department.

Vicki Barker

KENDALLVILLE — Vicki Lee Barker, 49, died Saturday, March 30, 2002, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

John Bloomfield

ROME CITY — John Emil Bloomfield, 79, died Sunday, March 31, 2002, at home.

Services are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

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Vicki Barker

KENDALLVILLE — Vicki Lee Miles Barker, 49, died Saturday, March 30, 2002, at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

She was a musician and worked at Barker's Jewelry Store in Kendallville. She was as a vocalist with several groups, performing throughout the country. She and her husband, Morris Barker, performed in the Fort Wayne area as a duo. She resided in Kendallville since 1980, when she came here from Traverse City, Mich.

She was born in St. Georges, Bermuda, on Jan. 17, 1953, to H. Richard and Marcia (Anders) Miles. She graduated from Martinsville High School in 1970. She attended Ball State University in Muncie, majoring in music and performing with the Ball State Singers. She also attended Indiana University, graduating in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in telecommunications and theater.

Mrs. Barker

She married Mr. Barker in Martinsville on Sept. 23, 1978. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Stephanie Barker, and a son, Sam Barker, both at home; her mother, Marcia Miles of Martinsville; a sister, Tera Miles of Indianapolis. The family's golden retriever, Rose, also survives.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services are 1 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Ellis Crum will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for the children's trust fund.

Delores Cochran

ORLAND — Delores C. Cochran, 64, died Monday, April 1, 2002, in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital of Angola.

Mrs. Cochran was an employee of Madsen Wire Products Inc. in Orland.

She lived in Orland and was the finance officer of Boy Scout Troop 423 in Orland. She was the current president of the Orland American Legion Post 423 Ladies Auxiliary and a past president of the Orland Chamber of Commerce and Post 46 Am Vets Auxiliary in Steuben County. She was an auxiliary member of Northeast Indiana Vietnam Veterans and the 8 & 40 Auxiliary in Steuben County.

She was born Jan. 23, 1938, in Jackson, Mich., to Milo and Rhea (Ward) Havens.

She married Allen C. Cochran in June 1976 in Hanover, Mich., and he survives.

Also surviving are an adopted daughter, Gwen Wheaton of Orland; one sister, Gene David of Jackson, Mich.; three brothers, Robert Havens of Goshen, William Havens of Grass Lake, Mich., and Michael Havens of Bear Lake, Mich.; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Four brothers, Patrick, Jack, Wayne, and Virgil Havens, and one sister, Louise Oakes, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Greenlawn Cemetery of Orland, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home at Fremont.

Memorials are to Orland Fire & Rescue or Pause for Cause.

Morgan Ginder

WOLCOTTVILLE — Morgan Kaye Ginder was stillborn Saturday, March 30, 2002, at 12:35 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents, William Allen Ginder and Marjorie Louise (Reynolds) Ginder of Wolcottville; three brothers, Justin Barry, Joseph Barry and Michael Ginder, all at home; her maternal grandparents, Betty and Virgil Wright of Wolcottville; her paternal grandparents, Jim and Paulette Ginder of Kendallville; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

One brother, Timothy Barry, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery of rural Garrett. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Raymond Faulkner

PIERCETON — Raymond D. Faulkner, 87, died Monday, April 1, 2002, at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

He retired from the Kosciusko County Highway Department. He was born in Kosciusko County.

Surviving are a son, Devon D. Faulkner of Warsaw; a daughter, Mary D. Baker of Pierceton; a sister, Mildred Hite of Kendallville; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Almeta, who died in 2001.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Pierceton. Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Pierceton United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

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Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Leona Detlefsen** were noon Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Vicar Jim Elsner officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were Phillip and Charles Schuman, John Baughman and Robert Worthington.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Robert L. Wright** were 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were VFW Post 2749 members Don Miller, Richard Yanuszeski, Jerry McHenney, Jack Kurtz, Voile Martin, Jack Deter and Phil Moore.

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Jennie Geller

COLUMBIA CITY — Jennie Geller, 89, died Monday, April 1, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening, church activities and writing poetry. She was a member of Lake Chapel United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and the Industrious Dozen Extension Homemakers.

She was born in Washington Township in Allen County on Jan. 9, 1913, to Charles and Grace (Fincham) Spice. She spent her formative years in Washington Township, graduating from Northside High School in 1931.

Mrs. Geller

She married Donald G. Geller in Fort Wayne on June 3, 1934. They spent the early years of their marriage in Fort Wayne and Huntertown, moving in 1947 to a farm in Lake Township and then in 1973 to their present home east of Columbia City. Mr. Geller survives.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Donald E. and Elsie Geller, Kenneth C. and Suzanne Geller, John E. and Leah Geller, Joseph D. and Anne Geller, and James A. and Denise Geller, all of rural Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Rosalie and David Byrne of Churubusco; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, George and Charles Spice; and three sisters, Edith Fentiman, Daisy Leffler and Lillian Fairfield.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Churubusco United Methodist Church. The Rev. Harold Klinker will officiate. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is one hour before services and 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to Lake Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

The following obituary is republished here to provide additional information.

Adrian Tuttle

LIGONIER — Adrian E. Tuttle, 72, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a carpenter with Union Local 1089, retiring in 1983. He was a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Kendallville.

He was born on May 28, 1929, to Levi and Elzena Tuttle. He married Evelyn L. Jarrett Conrad in Ligonier on Oct. 8, 1966. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lora and Tom Householder of Ocala, Fla.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Mark Tuttle of Fort Wayne, Denzil and Karen Tuttle of McCordsville and David and Jeannett Tuttle of Nikiski, Alaska; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Debra and Bruce Williams of Cromwell; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Donald Conrad of Carlisle and Wayne and Peggy Conrad of Ligonier; a half brother, Aaron Tuttle of eastern Kentucky; two sisters, Kathleen Gibson of Stroh and Mary Patrick of LaGrange; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Bobby Conrad; two brothers, Ray and Forrest Tuttle; and a half sister, Cordie Wicker.

Services were held Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church. Elders Russell Hicks, Larry Dixon and Morris Wicker officiated.

Betty Gebert

COLUMBIA CITY — Betty J. Gebert, 72, died Monday, April 1, 2002, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

She worked for Gebert Farm Supply in Larwill and PHP Insurance Group in Fort Wayne. In addition to being a homemaker, she worked as an inserter for the Post & Mail in Columbia City.

She was born in Columbia City.

Surviving are three daughters, Rebecca J. Ousley of Pierceton, Katherine J. Eberly of South Whitley and Sandra A. Saggars of Ligonier; two sons, Steven C. Gebert of Larwill and Bradley D. Gebert of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Jack, Carl "Fritz" and Dick Kessie, all of Columbia City, and Bill Kessie Jr. of Fort Wayne; a sister, Neva Spangler of Norfolk, Va.; and her companion, Garland Wilcox of North Manchester.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be in St. Matthew's Cemetery in Whitley County.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Columbia City Fire Department or Whitley County EMS.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@demoneygrimes.com.

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Marilynn Breyan

VOORHEES, N.J. — Marilynn J. (Kiebel) Breyan, 71, died Monday, April 1, 2002, at Virtua-West Hospital in Voorhees, N.J.

She was born and raised in Kendallville.

She worked as a legal secretary for Jeffrey Dragon of Cherry Hill, N.J., where she had resided for the past 40 years.

She was a member of Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church in Cherry Hill, where she served as a eucharistic minister and was a member of the choir. She was a past president of Magnolia Women's Club in Magnolia, N.J.

Surviving are her husband, William Breyan; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and Edward Novak of Montross, Va., Linda and Dieter Famula of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Lori and Richard Martin of West Berlin, N.J.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, David and Doris Breyan of Secane, Pa., and Phil Breyan of Woodbury, N.J.; three grandchildren, Amanda Martin and Jurgen and Derek Famula; and a sister, Rosemarie Kiebel of Kendallville.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church in Cherry Hill. Burial will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Berlin, N.J.

Calling is 7 to 9 p.m. today and 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Healey Funeral Home in Cherry Hill.

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Dixie Creager, 61

FORT WAYNE-Dixie E. Creager, 61, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a group home manager for Your Friends & Neighbors in Fort Wayne. She was born in Coldwater, Mich.

Surviving are three daughters, Shelly Richmond of Butler, Shannon Shaneyfelt of Albion and Andrea Stanley of Angola; a step-daughter, Carol Richmond of Indianapolis; two stepsons, Larry Creager of Corunna and Kevin Creager of Auburn; six grandchildren; six step grandchildren; and a sister, Judy Barnhart of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard W. Creager, who died in 1986.

Services were Saturday at Church of the Good Shepherd in Leo-Cedarville. Burial was in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Colton K. Rollins

ALBION - Colton K. Rollins, infant twin son of Brad and Jennifer Rollins died on Friday, March 29, 2002, at 10:39 pm at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on March 29, 2002 in Parkview Hospital.

Survivors include: the parents, Brad and Jennifer Rollins of Albion; a brother, Blake Rollins of Albion; grandparents Keith and Jane Kline of Albion, Gregg and Pam Rollins of Albion; great-grandparents, Lois Poyser of Kendallville, Mary Rollins of Wolf Lake, Art Reeve of Albion and several aunts and uncles.

Services are Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at 1:00 pm in Asbury United Methodist Church with Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will follow in Sweet Cemetery.

Visitation is Wednesday, April 3, 2002, from 12:00 noon until services at Asbury United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Caden J. Rollins

ALBION-Caden J. Rollins, infant twin son of Brad and Jennifer Rollins died on Saturday, March 30, 2002 at 4:30 pm at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on March 29, 2002, in Parkview Hospital.

Survivors include: the parents, Brad and Jennifer Rollins of Albion; a brother, Blake Rollins of Albion; grandparents Keith and Jane Kline of Albion, Gregg and Pam Rollins of Albion; great-grandparents, Lois Poyser of Kendallville, Mary Rollins of Wolf Lake, Art Reeve of Albion and several aunts and uncles.

Services are Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at 1:00 pm in Asbury United Methodist Church with Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will follow in Sweet Cemetery.

Visitation is Wednesday, April 3, 2002, from 12:00 noon until services at Asbury United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Rosemary McConnell, 72

CHURUBUSCO-Rosemary McConnell, 72, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002 at home. She was born in Churubusco, she had worked as a secretary at Green Center and Churubusco elementaries and was later a librarian at Churubusco Elementary. She retired in 1990 as a vocational education teacher at Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community School District in Garrett after 14 years.

Surviving are her husband, Jack D.; three daughters, Jacqueline M. Campana of Albion, Jill C. Bontrager of LaOtto and Joan Schnellbach of Churubusco; four sons, David R. of Churubusco, Jerry L. of Muncie, Richard of Dayton and Joel I. of Albion; four brothers, Robert Kocher of Cortez, Colo., Roger Kocher and Martin Kocher, both of El Cajon, Calif., and Richard Kocher of Los Angeles; 20 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Memorials to Rosemary McConnell Memorial Fund in care of Farmers & Merchants Bank, PO Box 224, Churubusco. Condolences to: sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Phyllis Johnson

ALBION - Phyllis Rose Johnson, age 76 High Lake, Albion died on Friday, March 29, 2002 at 9:20 a.m. at the Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Columbia City. She had been in failing health for several months.

She was born in Pierceton, Kosciusko County on August 20, 1925 to Roy and Faun Adoline (Galbreath) O'Connell. Mrs. Johnson was reared in Pierceton and attended Pierceton High School. In 1943 she moved to Churubusco and in 1982 she moved to her present home on High Lake, Albion.

She married Kenneth W. Johnson September 29, 1945 in the parsonage of Pastor Lawshee, Churubusco. She was formerly employed at Krogers, Freeman's Department Store, Western Auto, American Legion and the V. F. W. all of Churubusco. She was also employed at one time with General Electric, Fort Wayne. She was the past president and a charter member of V. F. W. and American Legion Post #157 both of Churubusco.

She is survived by one step daughter Mary Lucille Grimes, Big Lake, Albion and three step-grandchildren. One aunt Joan Walls, Pierceton. She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband Kenneth W. Johnson who died on October 4, 1992.

Funeral services were held at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Orlo Hibbs, retired United Methodist pastor officiating. Burial was at the Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton. For additional obituary information, sending condolences, or to sign the family register book, you may log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.

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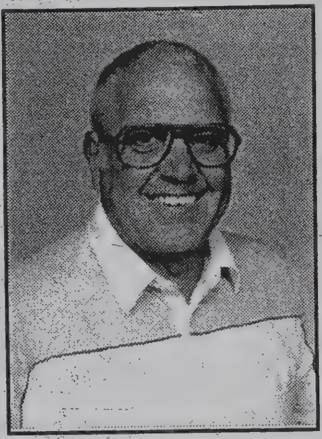
Richard A. Lemish

CHURUBUSCO – Richard A. Lemish, 65, a resident of rural Churubusco, died at 1:43 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had suffered a heart attack in December, and had been a patient at the hospital for the past eight days.


Richard A. Lemish

Mr. Lemish was born on August 13, 1936, in Green Township in Noble County, a son of Edward and Faye (Kimmel) Lemish. His formative years were spent in that area, and he was educated in the Churubusco schools.

As a young man he served with the U.S. Navy, and was married at Ege on June 14, 1958 to Peggy Leazier. The couple spent all of their married life in the Churubusco area, and had lived at their present home since 1967.

He was employed as a warehouse worker at Food Marketing in Fort Wayne for 33 years, retiring from there in 2000. During his leisure time he enjoyed bowling, and belonged to three different leagues. He was also an avid golfer.

He was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco.

The surviving relatives include his wife Peggy, two sons, Rick (companion Penny Rollins) Lemish of Churubusco, and Blake (wife Susan) Lemish of Albion; a sister, Martha Ferguson of Churubusco; three brothers, Kenny Lemish and Steve Lemish, both of Albion, and Jim Lemish of Kendallville; and four grandchildren, Jake Lemish, Amanda Lemish, Bradley Lemish and Alex Lemish.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson Jonhenry Lemish on October 21, 1995.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, April 1, 2002, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco with Father Danney Pinto, the celebrant.

Interment was in the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Foundation.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Olive Langston

LAGRANGE — Olive Langston, 87, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at home.

She had worked for Lamont Realty Co. in Fort Wayne and was a homemaker in her later years.

She was born in Liverpool, England, on March 4, 1915, to John and Mary Ellen (Watson) Silas. She married Herbert Diedrich in 1938. He preceded her in death. She then married Ivo Chrystler in 1972. He preceded her in death in 1974. She then married Clayton Langston in 1975. He preceded her in death in 1982.

She was also preceded in death by a nephew, Robert Howard Pilling.

Surviving are nieces Olive Gautier of Chicago and Mary Howey of Huntertown; and nephews Vernon, John, Donald Raymond, Gary and James Pilling, all of Fort Wayne, and Harry Pilling of Canada.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange. The Rev. Dexter Garman will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials to the First United Methodist Church Music Program.

June Orwig

CORUNNA — June Orwig, 79, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home at Kendallville.

Mrs. Orwig was a homemaker and formerly lived in rural Corunna. She was a member of the Corunna Church of Christ.

She was born Feb. 16, 1923, in DeKalb County to Clarence and Bonnie (Mason) Weirick.

She married Victor Orwig on June 21, 1941, in Avilla. He died March 30, 1986.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Marta Orwig of Corunna, and Tom and Pam Orwig of Corunna; one sister, Joy Muller of LaOtto; and three grandchildren, Andrew Orwig, Aaron Orwig and Holly Orwig.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael, and one brother, Don Weirick.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 12:30 p.m. in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna, with Lloyd Mealer officiating.

Calling is Friday from 10 a.m.-noon at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Chloe Stucky

AVILLA — Chloe Renee Stucky was stillborn Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents, Allison M. Bruce and William John Stucky of Avilla; grandparents, Metta Hike of Fort Wayne, Theresa Buege of Parkersburg, Iowa, and William Doan of New Haven; and great-grandparents, John and Ruth Stucky of LaGrange.

Services were 10 a.m. today at Calvary Third Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The following obituary is being republished to correct erroneous information provided.

Colton and Caden Rollins

ALBION — Colton K. Rollins and Caden J. Rollins, infant twin sons of Brad and Jennifer Rollins of Albion, died last week at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Colton died Friday, March 29, 2002. Caden died Saturday, March 30, 2002.

They were born March 29, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

In addition to the parents, surviving are a brother, Blake Rollins of Albion; grandparents, Keith and Jane Kline of Albion and Gregg and Pam Rollins of Albion; great-grandparents, Lois Poyser of Kendallville, Mary Rollins of Wolf Lake and Art Reeve of Albion; and several aunts and uncles.

Services were 1 p.m. Wednesday at Asbury United Methodist Church. The Rev. Don Poyser officiated. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery.

Orr Funeral Home in Albion was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Steven Wright

ALBION — Steven M. Wright, 28, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, as a result of an auto accident on U.S. 33 near Merriam.

He worked since 1996 as a service technician for Brehob Corp. in Fort Wayne.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman who attended Tri Lakes Baptist Church. He was a member of Crooked Lake Golf Course.

Wright

He was born in Columbia City on Jan. 13, 1974, to Duane C. and Virginia L. (Meier) Wright. He spent his formative years in Thorncreek Township in Whitley County, attending Thorncreek Township School and graduating in 1992 from Columbia City High School. He received a degree from Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Duane and Gini Wright of Columbia City; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Dennis and Tonya Wright of Syracuse, Richard and Karen Wright of Warsaw and David and Laurie Wright of Syracuse; and a grandmother, Martha Meier of Columbia City.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. The Rev. Curtis Johnson will officiate. Burial will be in South Park Cemetery.

Calling is 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Tri Lakes Baptist Church Building Fund.

Services Held

WAWAKA — Services for **Neal Reichard** were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiated.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Pallbearers were Danny Gray Jr., Robert Musser and VFW members.

LIGONIER — Services for **Howard G. Heckner** were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church. The Rev. Russell Fuhrman officiated.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Pallbearers were Joe Ulrey, Dan Holland, Robert Kirsch, Judge Michael Kramer, Clifford Pettit and Sam Patton.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Cynthia Davis** were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Paul Griebel officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were Charles A. and David Walter, Robert Ransburg and Steve Godsell.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Hazel Evers Robeson** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Tom Novy officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were Owen Drerup, Greg Reidenbaugh, Terry Kurtz, Duane Smith, Joe King and Don Hyland.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **John E. Bloomfield** were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. The Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiated.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Pallbearers were David and Gary Bloomfield, Gregory Stienbarger Jr. and Orange Twp. Fire Department members Dave Fiandt, Ken Ritchie, Greg Presco, George Wolfe, Bill Howard and Floyd Heltzel.

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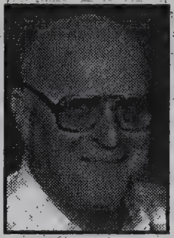
Jack Hire

FREMONT — Jack E. Hire, 78, died Friday, April 5, 2002, at his home in Fremont.

Mr. Hire owned and operated several area restaurants before retiring in 1986. He served in the Armed Forces during World War II and the Korean conflict.


Mr. Hire

He was a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne Shrine Club and the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born July 12, 1913, in Waterloo to William Howard Hire and Ruth (Tillman) Hire.

He married Beulah (Wing) Hire on Jan. 25, 1947, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Kirk Hire of Waterloo; two daughters, Toby Walter of Fremont and Nancy Drudge of Columbia City; a brother, George Hire of Melbourne, Fla.; four grandchildren, Angie Walter, Amy Price, Josh Frantz and Erik Watson; and two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Nicholas Price.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Ted Walter and Father Skip Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery with graveside services by the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Calling is Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jake and Nicholas Price education fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Ida Mae Hicks

BRIMFIELD — Ida Mae Hicks, 67, died Friday, April 5, 2002, at 3 p.m. in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been seriously ill for the past month.

Mrs. Hicks

Mrs. Hicks was a homemaker and babysitter, and had worked for nine years at Plasti-Matic in Albion.

She was born Jan. 13, 1935, in Williamson, W.V., to Zane and Alva (Vinson) Smith. Her mother survives in Nolan, W.V. She married Dallas Preston Hicks Sr. in Lebanon, Va., on May 23, 1955. He preceded her in death on Oct. 17, 1995.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Donna Hicks of Brimfield and Dallas Hicks Jr. and Lisa Hicks of Garrett; three daughters and one son-in-law, Alva and Darin Metzger of Kendallville, Girley Burtz and her fiancé, Terry Baumgardner, both of Fort Wayne and Clara Schlabach of Fort Wayne; and nine grandchildren, Teah Laymon, Zack Laymon and Jake Laymon, Amber Hicks, Tiffany Hicks, Dallas Hicks III, Ashley Metzger, Chelsey Metzger and Matthew Schlabach; five stepgrandchildren, Robert Weber, Matt Weber, Rebecca Weber, Jason Ice and Jesse Ice; one great-grandson, Anthony Jason Laymon; and two brothers, Bob Smith and Boone Smith, both of Nolan, W.V.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Brimfield Revival Center in Brimfield, with Pastor Danny K. Saylor officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

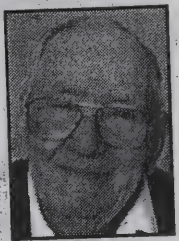
Calling is Sunday after 2 p.m. at the church.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Jay Wallace

AUBURN — Jay W. Wallace, 93, died Thursday, April 4, 2002, in Garrett.

Mr. Wallace was retired from full-time farming and had served as Jackson Township trustee. He was instrumental and active in forming the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department and the Jackson Township Community Building.


Mr. Wallace

He was born Dec. 12, 1908, in Waterloo to Newton Jay Wallace and Myrtle (Reeder) Wallace.

He married A. Pauline (Reed) Wallace on Feb. 11, 1932, in Auburn. She died Sept. 13, 1997.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert J. and Judy Wallace of Uniontown, Pa., Orval and Joan Wallace of Auburn and John and Diane Wallace of Auburn; three sisters, Betty Fee of Butler, Irene Rynearson of Corunna and Leon Riggs of Butler; 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Ernest and Charles Wallace, and a sister, Edith Wallace.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Doug Barber officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department and Community Building.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Farl Medlock

ORLAND — Farl J. Medlock, 73, of Orland, died Thursday, April 4, 2002, in Heritage Park in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Medlock moved to Orland from New Buffalo, Mich., in 1988, and had retired from Kinglsey Furniture Mfg. in LaPorte.

He was born on Oct. 5, 1928, in Scottland, Ark., to Chester and Nona (Love) Medlock, both deceased.

He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Lawana and Bill Backensto of Orland; one sister and brother-in-law, Lee and Elmore Lemings of LaGrange; a brother, L. M. Medlock of Clinton, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Wendell F. Medlock, who died Dec. 27, 1996, and one sister, Suzzane Medlock.

Services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. in Fruhrip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Rodney Schuler officiating.

Calling in Sunday from 2-3 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

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This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Ida Mae Hicks

BRIMFIELD — Ida Mae Hicks, 67, died Friday, April 5, 2002, at 3 a.m. in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been seriously ill for the past month.

Mrs. Hicks was a homemaker and babysitter. She had worked for nine years at Plasti-Matic in Albion.

She was born Jan. 13, 1935, in Williamson, W.V., to Zane and Alva (Vinson) Smith. Her mother survives in Nolan, W.V.

She married Dallas Preston Hicks Sr. in Lebanon, Va., on May 23, 1955. He preceded her in death on Oct. 17, 1995.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Donna Hicks of Brimfield and Dallas Hicks Jr. and Lisa Hicks of Garrett; three daughters and one son-in-law, Alva and Darin Metzger of Kendallville, Girley Burtz and her fiancé, Terry Baumgartner, both of Fort Wayne and Clara Schlabach of Fort Wayne; and nine grandchildren, Teah Laymon, Zack Laymon and Jake Laymon, Amber Hicks, Tiffany Hicks, Dallas Hicks III, Ashley Metzger, Chelsey Metzger and Matthew Schlabach; five step-grandchildren, Robert Weber, Matt Weber, Rebecca Weber, Jason Ice and Jesse Ice; one great-grandson, Anthony Jason Laymon; and two brothers, Bob Smith and Boone Smith, both of Nolan, W.V.

She was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Brimfield Revival Center in Brimfield, with Pastor Danny K. Saylor officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling is today after 2 p.m. at the church. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Kester

ALBION — Robert A. Kester, 86, died Friday, April 5, 2002, at 3:06 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital at Kendallville.

Mr. Kester owned Bob's Barber Shop in Fort Wayne for 23 years. He also owned a Chevrolet dealership at Albion from 1949-1957.

He had lived in Albion since 1949, when he moved from the Hamilton-Butler area.

He was World War II veteran, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific theater as a U.S. Army staff sergeant.

He was born Aug. 4, 1915, in Butler to Arthur and Harriet (Crouse) Kester.

On June 3, 1939, in Angola, he married Ruth E. Maxton. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine and Richard Bolanowski of Elgin, Ill., and Emily and Leslie Weber of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Rob and Chris Weber; and four great-grandchildren, Sean, Abigale, Calvin and Riley.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Estel Kester; and one sister, Doris Edwards.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home at Albion, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery of Angola.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Asbury Methodist Church in Albion.

Herbert Kramer

KENDALLVILLE — Herbert L. Kramer, 63, died Sunday, April 7, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Donald Swoverland

CHURUBUSCO — Donald F. Swoverland, 87, died Sunday, April 7, 2002, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

He owned and operated Swoverland Shoe Store Churubusco from 1949 to 1971; from 1971 to 1984 he owned and operated American Hardware and Bicycle in Florida. He was a member of Wallen Baptist Church and Good News Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing, tying flies and golf.

Mr. Swoverland

He was born May 29, 1914, in Plymouth to Ralph and Sarah Swoverland. He married Cordelia "Katie" Carriger in Churubusco on Aug. 6, 1938. She survives in Churubusco.

Also surviving are two daughters, Donita Swoverland of Churubusco and Saralyn Swoverland of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, D.G. and Jeri Swoverland of Columbia City and Steve and Lois Swoverland of Fort Wayne; a brother, Marshall Swoverland of California; a sister, Florence McDaniel of Churubusco; 21 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Lee Swoverland.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco. Pastor Marvin Troyer will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Henry Zimmerman

GARRETT — Henry C. Zimmerman, 76, died Sunday, April 7, 2002, in Kendallville Manor at Kendallville.

Mr. Zimmerman was a machine operator for Zollner Corp. for 39 years, retiring in 1990. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He lived most of his life in Garrett and attended the Garrett Church of the Nazarene. He was a member of Garrett American Legion Post 178 and the Zollner Quarter Century Club.

He was born July 24, 1925, in Fort Wayne.

He married his wife, Marna, on Feb. 12, 1977, in the Garrett Church of the Nazarene, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Bruce Zimmerman of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Kay Bishop of LaOtto and Christina Craig of Auburn; and eight grandchildren, Taylor P. Bolen, Jason, Zachary, Kimberly, Earline and Tiffany Zimmerman, and Keanu and Alex Craig.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sherman and Olivia Myers; his stepfather, Arthur Everett; one sister, Donna Grabill; and one brother, Harold Yarde.

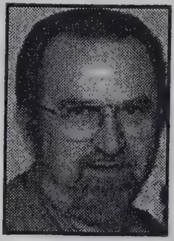
Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Hargus Mullins

ROME CITY — Hargus E. Mullins, 57, died Sunday, April 7, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mr. Mullins

He worked since 1981 for Atwood Mobile Products in LaGrange and was the technical director at Angola Motor Speedway in Angola. He was a member of the LaGrange Moose Lodge, United Auto Workers and had been inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Avilla Raceway. He attended Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon.

He was born Feb. 3, 1945, in Amburgey, Ky., to Arvil and Maggie (Sizemore) Mullins. He graduated from Carr Creek High School in Hindman, Ky. He married Mary Lou Castetter in Clintwood, Va., on Oct. 25, 1968. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Charles Wechter of New Washington, Ohio, and Cindy and Phil Fisel of Goshen; six grandchildren, Scott and Josh Lynch, Alexandria and Tyler Tuttle and Kidron and Kanaan Wechter; a brother and sister-in-law, Lewis and Judy Mullins of Columbia City; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Geneva and Archie Holliday of Rome City, Louise and Charles Bill Madden of Sassafras, Ky., Dorothy and Roger Engle of Kendallville and Shelby and Jimmy Roark of Carrie, Ky.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ophelia Mullins; and a brother, Charles Mullins.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon. Elders Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker and Larry Dixon will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

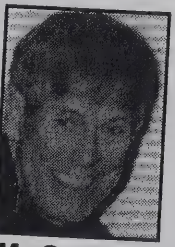
Calling is after 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with an evening service beginning at 7 p.m.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville is in charge of arrangments.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the donor's choice.

James Small

WOLCOTTVILLE — James Eugene Small, 65, died Sunday, April 7, 2002, at home.


Mr. Small

He worked for Indiana Power and Light Co. in Indianapolis, retiring in 1995. He was a member of Big Springs Community Church in Boone County and attended Rome City United Methodist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1959 to 1962.

He was born July 3, 1936, in Sheridan to Everett and Edna (Frye) Small. He graduated from Sheridan High School. He married Janet S. Davis in Boone County on Oct. 20, 1963. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a brother, Bill Small of Sheridan; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, George Small; and three sisters, Mary Cook, Edith DeVol and Clydora Cross.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. The Rev. Michael W. McKinney will officiate.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Rome City United Methodist Church.

Herbert Kramer

KENDALLVILLE — Herbert L. Kramer, 63, died Sunday, April 7, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He retired from a career in fence and guardrail construction. For the past five years he worked as a custodian for East Noble School Corp.

He was a member of the National Rifle Association and the Single Action Shooting Society. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving from 1956 to 1960.

He was born Nov. 6, 1938, in McClure, Ohio, to Raymond and June Kramer, both of whom survive in Toledo, Ohio. He married Joyce A. Oglesbee in Bowling Green, Ohio, on May 16, 1956. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his stepmother, Lucy Kramer of Toledo; three daughters, Lyn Kramer-Marks of Adrian, Mich., Kim Howell of Ardmore, Okla., and Elizabeth Wagner of Fort Wayne; three sons, Herbert Kramer Jr. of Shelbyville, Clayton Kramer of Fort Wayne and Mark Kramer of Monroeville; and five sisters, including Gerry Gentle of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by a brother, two sisters and a grandson.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Roy Rogers Happy Trails Children's Foundation.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Services Held

BRIMFIELD — Services for **Ida Mae Hicks** were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Brimfield Revival Center. Pastor Danny K. Saylor officiated. Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Pallbearers were Matthew Schlabach, Zach and Jake Laymon, Dallas Hicks III, Bill Metzger and B.J. and Zan Smith.

Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Carol Thompson

MILLERSBURG — Carol A. Thompson, 51, of Millersburg died at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, April 7, 2002, in her home following an extended illness.

She was born Nov. 16, 1950, in Goshen to Robert and Rebecca (Barringer) Larimer. She married Donald R. Thompson on March 3, 1990, in Elkhart.

Mrs. Thompson worked for 20 years at ABTCO, Millersburg, as a production worker. She was a 1969 graduate of Fairfield High School.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Jesse (Nicole) Sidwell of Millersburg; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Tom (Angela) Dennin of Mishawaka; and Mrs. Roger (Camille) Hibschman of Syracuse; two grandchildren; her mother of Goshen; two brothers, George R. Larimer and Jim R. Larimer, both of Goshen; and one sister, Mrs. Jerry (Susan) Schrock of Cromwell.

She was preceded in death by her father on July 9, 1995.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen with the Rev. Stan Godfrey of New Paris Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be in Brown Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Breast Cancer Research of the Elkhart County Hospice.

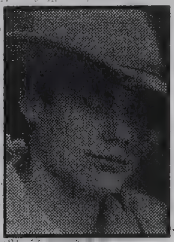
Ross Unverzagt

COLUMBIA CITY — Ross A. Unverzagt, 18, died Saturday, April 6, 2002, as a result of injuries sustained in a Thursday evening auto accident.

A senior at Columbia City High School, he worked as a host and waiter for Richards Restaurant. He was a member of Troy Presbyterian Church.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 14, 1983, to Glenn A. and Kitrina L. (LaFever) Unverzagt. They survive in Columbia City. He also attended Etna Troy School and Marshall Middle School.

Also surviving are two brothers, Zane D. and Collin C. Unverzagt, both of Columbia City; grandparents, Daniel and Rosalin Unverzagt of Fort Wayne and Neil F. and Betty J. LaFever of Glendale, Ariz.; and a great-grandmother, Garnett G. Norris of Wolcottville.



Mr. Unverzagt

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. The Rev. Chris Thurow will officiate. Burial will be in Adams Cemetery near Columbia City.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Whitley County Community Foundation.

Mary McClellan

ALBION — Mary E. McClellan, 99, died Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

She was a homemaker and a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

She was born May 31, 1902, in Huntington County to Marion and Laura (Rittenhouse) Bailey. She grew up in Warren and the Huntington County area, completing her education there.

Mrs. McClellan

She married Arthur G. McClellan on June 28, 1922. The couple lived in the Huntington area, then moved to a farm in Noble County in 1945. He preceded her in death Jan. 26 1987.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Marion Lewis McClellan; two brothers, Charles Bailey and Harmon Bailey; and a sister, Fern Thompson.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Bonetha and Gilford Rider of New Paris, Shelvya "Shellie" Bauer of Leo and Doris and Jerry Carson of Wolf Lake; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several step-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Merriam Christian Chapel. The Rev. Terry Zolman will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Memorials are to Merriam Christian Chapel Church Missionary Fund.

Hilda Strouse

CHURUBUSCO — Hilda O'Dier Strouse, 95, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Formerly of Churubusco, she lived at Saint Anne Home in Fort Wayne for the past five years.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed gardening, walking, sewing and playing the organ. She attended Churubusco United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 1, 1907, in Huntington to Elmer and Rosella (Slagle) Class. She spent her formative years in Huntington, graduating from Huntington High School in 1925.

Mrs. Strouse

She married Arthur "Peck" O'Dier on Sept. 4, 1940. The couple moved to Churubusco in 1941, where they lived until Mr. O'Dier's death in 1978. Mrs. O'Dier then moved to Bradenton, Fla., marrying Guy Strouse on Aug. 29, 1982. She and Mr. Strouse moved to Churubusco in 1987. He preceded her in death in 1988.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jack O'Dier; and a stepdaughter, Dorothy Fairweather.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jo Anne and Ronald Henning of Churubusco; a stepdaughter and her husband, Jean and John Walter of Columbia City; a daughter-in-law, Judy O'Dier of Clearbrook, Minn.; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery. The Rev. Lane Burgland will perform graveside rites.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Foundation or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Katherine Bradbury

KENDALLVILLE — Katherine "Kate" Koehn Bradbury, 100, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Danville, Ill., and the Women's Missionary League. She taught Sunday school and served on the church's evangelism committee.

She was born Jan. 11, 1902, in Danville to John and Johanna (Schultz) Koehn. She married Ralph West Bradbury Sr. on Oct. 10, 1922. He preceded her in death on July 20, 1982.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ralph W. Jr. and Grace Bradbury of North Webster and Rev. Robert D. and Jane Ann Bradbury of Seattle; a sister, Josephine Reining of South Haven, Mich.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church. The Rev. Ray Mueller officiated. Burial was in Danville Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

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Robert A. Kester, 86

ALBION-Robert A. Kester, 86, died on Friday, April 5, 2002, at 3:06 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He had lived in the Albion community since 1949 coming from the Hamilton/Butler area. He was owner of Bob's Barber Shop in Ft. Wayne for 23 years. He owned the Chevrolet Dealership in Albion from 1949-1957. He was a World War II US Army Veteran, serving as a Staff Sergeant in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

He was born on August 4, 1915, in Butler to Arthur and Harriet (Crouse) Kester. On June 3, 1939 in Angola he married Ruth E. Maxton. She survives.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth E. Kester of Albion; two daughters, Elaine (Richard) Bolanowski of Elgin, IL and Emily (Leslie) Weber of Ft. Wayne; two grandchildren, Rob and Chris Weber; four great-grandchildren, Sean, Abigale, Calvin and Riley.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Estel Kester and one sister, Doris Edwards.

Services were held on Monday, April 8, 2002, at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial was in South Scott Cemetery in Angola.

Mary E. McClellan, 99

ALBION-Mary E. McClellan, 99, a Noble Township, Noble County resident died at 1:33 a.m., Tuesday, April 9, 2002 in the Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City where she had been a resident since January 1989.

She was born on May 31, 1902 in Huntington County, Indiana a daughter of Marion and Laura Rittenhouse Bailey. Her formative years were spent in the Huntington County and Warren areas. She completed her education in the Huntington County.

On June 28, 1922 she was united in marriage to Arthur G. McClellan. They made their home in the Huntington area, moved to a farm in Noble County in 1945. Mr. McClellan died January 26, 1987.

A homemaker, she was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Bonetha (Gilford) Rider of New Paris, Shelvya "Shellie" Bauer of Leo and Doris (Jerry) Carson of Wolf Lake; eight grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; and several step grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Marion Lewis McClellan; two brothers, Charles Bailey and Harmon Bailey; and a sister, Fern Thompson.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, April 12, 2002 at Merriam Christian Chapel, 3985 South U. S. 33, with Rev. Terry Zolman, church pastor, officiating. The burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. The visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City and one hour before the service on Friday at the church.

Steven M. Wright, 28

ALBION-Steven M. Wright, 28, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, as a result of an auto accident on U. S. 33 near Merriam.

He worked since 1996 as a service technician for Brehob Corp. in Fort Wayne.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman who attended Tri Lakes Baptist Church. He was a member of Crooked Lake Golf Course.

He was born in Columbia City on Jan. 13, 1974, to Duane C. and Virginia L. (Meier) Wright. He spent his formative years in Thorncreek Township School and graduated in 1992 from Columbia City High School.

Surviving are his parents, Duane and Gini Wright of Columbia City; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Dennis and Tonya Wright of Syracuse, Richard and Karen Wright of Warsaw and David and Laurie Wright of Syracuse; and a grandmother, Martha Meier of Columbia City.

Services were held on Sunday, April 7, 2002, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Curtis Johnson officiating. Burial was in South Park Cemetery.

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Betty McAfee

TOCSIN — Betty D. McAfee, 81, died Wednesday, April 10, 2002, at home.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen Dunlap of rural Albion; three sons, Terry McAfee of Fairfax, Va., Jeffrey McAfee of Berne and Jann McAfee of Tocsin; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert McAfee, who died in 1971.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home Ossian Chapel. Burial will be in Prairie View Cemetery in Tocsin.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to Wells County Cancer Society, Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Faith Fellowship.

Russell Scheurich

GARRETT — Russell M. Scheurich, 77, died Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at Bethlehem Woods Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

He worked all of his life in Garrett as a farmer and excavator. He also worked for Garrett-Keyser-Butler Schools as a maintenance man and bus driver.

He graduated from Avilla High School and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He attended Aberdeen Diesel Mechanic Training.

He was born Feb. 18, 1925, in Avilla to Kenneth K. and Gladys A. (McCoy) Scheurich. He married Anna L. Woodcox on June 21, 1947, at Garrett United Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Leila L. Marks of Fort Wayne and Val M. and Brian Black of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Merritt G. and Janet Scheurich of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Nathan and Anthony Scheurich, Amanda Begue and Corrin Borns, all of Garrett, Kristi Snyder of South Whitley, Chad Marks of Fort Wayne and Kyle and Angela Black, both of Albion; two great-grandchildren, Rachelle and Brock Snyder of South Whitley; three sisters, Alene Cramer of Kendallville and Marcella Duguid and Evelyn Steward, both of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Richard Allen Marks; a brother, Maynard Scheurich; and two sisters, Marian Scheurich and Veda Stout.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Richard Pickard will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett. Garrett American Legion Post 178 will perform military graveside services.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Cancer Society, DeKalb County Hospice or the Gideons.

THE NEWS-SUN FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2002

Stanley Poynter

BRIGHTON, Mich. — K. Stanley Poynter, 66, died Monday, April 8, 2002, at home.

A former resident of Sturgis, Mich., and LaGrange County, he was an engineer who worked for the automobile industry in Detroit.

He was born in Sturgis on May 9, 1935, to Reno B. and Calista (Kline) Poynter.

Surviving are two sons, William Poynter of Walled Lake, Mich., and Donald Poynter of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Al Shock of Mt. Pleasant; and a sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Donald Thompson of Brownsburg.

Services are 1 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. Burial will be in Sidener Cemetery in Howe. There is no calling.

Wade Pennington

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Wade Michael Pennington, 38, died Thursday, April 4, 2002, in Kansas City.

Survivors include his wife, D'Ann Thomason Pennington of Kansas City, formerly of LaGrange.

Services were held in Missouri. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery in Kansas City.

Memorials are to Blue Ridge Christian School scholarship fund.

Condolences may be sent to Park Lawn Funeral Home in Kansas City.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2002

John Turner

KIMMELL — John W. Turner, 60, died Thursday, April 11, 2002, at Whitley County Memorial Hospital in Columbia City.

He was a self-employed contractor who was raised in the Warsaw area and graduated from Warsaw High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran, a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243, Ligonier BPOE 451, Huntington Moose Lodge, Ligonier United Methodist Church and Wolf Lake VFW 4717.

He was born in Tell City on April 16, 1941, to Cy and Dorothy Turner. He married Charlene Preston in Montgomery, Ala., on April 12, 1989. She survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Katie Turner of Columbia City, Marty and Lorna Leamon of West Bend, Wis., Monty and Jeryl Leamon of Winona Lake and Sean and Sonya Black of Carmel; a daughter, Tina Turner of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Judy Turner of North Ridgeville, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Ron Whitaker of Pierceton; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Art Turner.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Ligonier United Methodist Church. The Rev. Jim Farrer will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Military graveside services will be performed.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Glenn Kilgore

WOLF LAKE — Glenn M. Kilgore, 86, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A life-long resident of Wolf Lake, he was a farmer and worked for Dana Corp. in Churubusco, retiring in 1980.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific theater.

He was born in Noble County on July 30, 1915, to Elmer F. and Minnie F. (Meyers) Kilgore. He married Betty A. Coverstone on April 3, 1949. She preceded him in death on Aug. 12, 1970.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lewis and Sherri Kilgore and David and Susan Kilgore, all of Kimmell; three daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Rick Rawles of Albion, Nancy and Edwin Sprunger of Columbia City and Caroline and Greg Resler of Wolf Lake; 15 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild; and three brothers, Robert Kilgore, Donald Kilgore and John Kilgore.

He was also preceded in death by a grandchild and a sister, Isabelle Kilgore.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. The Rev. Dan Carlson will officiate. Burial will be in Stringtown Cemetery in Wolf Lake.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Noble County Meals on Wheels or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Gail Gaff

ALAMO, Texas — Gail Hyndman Gaff, 82, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at home.

He was born in Churubusco and was a former resident of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Joan M. Gaff; four sons, Robert H. Gaff of Indianapolis, Gerald H. Gaff of Houston, Richard J. Gaff of Streamwood, Ill., and Roger F. Gaff of Castle Hayne, N.C.; a daughter, Mary Mills of Indiana; a sister, DeElda Knafel of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorial Funeral Home in San Juan, Texas, is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

LISBON — Services for **Hargus E. Mullins** were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon. Elders Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker and Larry Dixon officiated. Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Pallbearers Kit Castetter, Mike Kline, Lance Roberson, George Wolfe, Charles Wechter and Harry Castetter.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville was in charge of arrangements.

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James Souder

AUBURN — James N. Souder, 82, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce, Mich.

He was a machine operator for Warner Gear, Auburn, who retired in 1975 after 34 years. He was a member of the Ashley-Waterloo Masonic Lodge.

He was born Sept. 13, 1919, in Waterloo to Thomas and Ola (Hassett) Souder. On June 7, 1957, he married Mabel Bartels, who preceded him in death Nov. 17, 1999.

Also preceding him in death was a brother, Albert Souder.

Surviving are a son, James A. Souder of Garrett; a daughter, Barbara Workman of Oceanside, Calif.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; and his companion, Margerite Hassett of Waterford, Mich.

Private graveside services are Thursday morning at Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. Calling is 3-6 p.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Phyllis Koch

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis J. Koch, 77, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. The Fort Wayne native was a registered nurse who had worked at Three Rivers Area Hospital, Three Rivers, Mich. She graduated from Methodist School of Nursing, Fort Wayne. She was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Marianne Lile of Fort Wayne and Suzanne Cook of Ballwin, Mo.; a sister, Millie Holmes of Angola; a brother, Stanley Smith of Elkhart; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Duane L. Koch.

Services are 2 p.m. today at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church, Cancer Services of Fort Wayne or Shrine Hospital for Children.

Arrangements are by Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel.

Bud Hamilton Jr.

CORUNNA — Bud K. Hamilton Jr., 47, died suddenly Friday, April 12, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a supervisor at Foley Foundry, Auburn. He had lived in the area for 25 years, coming from McDowell, Ky.

He was born Nov. 20, 1954, in Martin, Ky., to Bud K. Hamilton Sr. and Eva Jean (Lawson) Hamilton, both of whom preceded him in death. On May 30, 1978, in Albion he married Shelia Sparkman, who survives in Corunna.

Also surviving are five sons, Brian G. Hamilton of McDowell and Craig S. D., Kevin D., Derrick S. and Kyle D. Hamilton, all of Corunna; three brothers, Jerry Hamilton of Rome City, Raymond Hamilton of Corunna and Jackie Hamilton of Grand Rapids, Mich.; three sisters, Ava Hamilton of Waterloo, Melissa Booth of Kendallville and Linda Collins of Ashley; and two grandchildren, Mikayla P. and Hannah B. Hamilton.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church, Stroh, with the Revs. Denny Sparkman and Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Sedan Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling is after 3 p.m. today and all day Monday at the church.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Anna Kestner

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Anna Kestner, 79, died Saturday, April 13, 2002, at the Laurels of Coldwater, Coldwater, Mich.

She was a dairy farmer and homemaker and a member of Clear Lake Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, Fremont.

She was born July 26, 1922, in Barkhousen, Germany, to Henry and Gesina (Damman) Koehnke. On Sept. 21, 1940, in Ohio she married Lawrence H. Kestner, who preceded her in death Jan. 24, 1994.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and William Orris of Coldwater, Joanne and Roland Finely of Quincy, Mich., and Deborah and LaRay Vanderpool of Montgomery, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Donna Kestner of Allen, Mich., and Rick and Debra Kestner of Saginaw, Mich.; two sisters-in-law, Gertrude Kurtz and Irene Cordes, both of Napoleon, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, Mike Orris, Denise MacArthur, David and Tim Finley, Ken, Kathy, Shawn and Dustin Kestner and Adam and Jamie Vanderpool; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Clear Lake Lutheran Church with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating. Burial will be at California Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Calling is 2-8 Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the church.

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Pauline Funk

OSSIAN — Pauline C. Funk, 92, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center Bluffton.

The Stringtown native had worked for Wolf & Dessauer and Sears Roebuck & Co. as a salesperson. She was a member of Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton.

Surviving are a daughter, Juanita J. Boyd of Ossian; a son, Rodger H. Funk of Angola; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Funk.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 1-5 p.m. today and one hour before services

Memorials are to the Hope Missionary Church, Fairview Missionary Church in Angola or Family Hospice of Berne.

Beverly Summers

AUBURN — Beverly June Summers, 74, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at Wesley Healthcare, Auburn.

Mrs. Summers

A homemaker, she had lived in Auburn 44 years. She was a member of Auburn Church of Christ.

She was born Oct. 18, 1927, in Benton County to Earnie and Bertha (Zolman) Cripe. On Oct. 18, 1946, in Fort Wayne she married Charles Summers, who survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mary L. Carlin and Carla L. Beerbower, both of Garrett; a son, Chuck H. Summers, of Garrett; three brothers, Robert Cripe of Auburn, Delbert Cripe of Columbia City and Alfred Cripe of Mulberry, Fla.; two sisters, Opal Johnston of Churubusco and Lucille Dodd of Constantine, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and ight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are 10 a.m. Monday at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco, with minister John Scott officiating.

There is no calling.

Condolences may be e-mailed o condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Arrangements are by Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2002

Cleta Haire

CHURUBUSCO — Cleta P. Haire, 76, died Saturday, April 13, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for Ivy Tech State College in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1996. She also worked as a bookkeeper for Hayner-Houser Sales & Service Inc. in Huntertown and at the former Russ Bunn Chevrolet and Bud Hayner Chevrolet, both Huntertown businesses.

Mrs. Haire

She was a member of Beacon Light Chapel near Churubusco and enjoyed reading, traveling and crocheting.

She was born in Farmersburg on April 5, 1926, to Powell and Nancy (Gregory) Poff. She spent her formative years in the Farmersburg area, graduating from the former Sugar Creek High School in 1944. She married Paul R. Haire in Fort Wayne on Sept. 9, 1954. She and Mr. Haire spent most of their married life on the family farm in Eel River Township. He preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 1974.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Lynn Haire of rural Churubusco; and two grandchildren, Jeremy Haire and Amie Haire.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Robert McNary will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Beacon Light Chapel.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Robert Wright

ORLAND — Robert W. Wright, 84, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in his home.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Jay Ziegler

CHURUBUSCO — Jay W. Ziegler, 88, died Monday, April 15, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vera May (Long) Ziegler, who died in 1984.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Lillian Blanton

STURGIS, Mich. — Lillian F. Blanton, 76, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, at Thurston Woods Village Nursing Home in Sturgis, Mich.

A former resident of Burr Oak, Mich., and Brimfield, She retired from the Monsanto factory in Ligonier. She attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Sturgis.

Mrs. Blanton

She was born Oct. 9, 1925, in Brimfield to Edward and Florence (Coats) Ackerman.

Surviving are a son, Larry Blanton of Kendallville; a daughter, Janet Harker of Sturgis; two grandchildren, Doug and Trent Harker; two great-grandchildren, Zachary and Trent Harker; a brother, Philip Ackerman of Wolcottville; a sister, Eleanor Lee of Nicholasville, Ky.; and an adopted sister, Diana Milleman of Cadillac, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Joe Ackerman; two sisters, Katherine Stubblefield and Betty Studebaker; and a grandson, Edward Harker.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Calvin J. Kolzow Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Fannie Zook

GENEVA — Fannie E. Zook, 44, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, at home.

She was born in LaGrange County.

Surviving are her mother, Lovina Zook of Geneva; a brother, Jacob E. Zook of Bryant; two sisters, Emma Hilty of Geneva and Mary Graber of Seymour, Mo.; and a half sister, Katie Graber of Seymour.

Services are 9 a.m. Wednesday at the residence, 1101W C.R. 850S, Geneva. Burial will be in Bunker Hill Cemetery in Geneva.

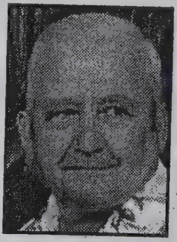
Calling is 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the residence.

Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne is in charge of arrangements.

Jay Ziegler

CHURUBUSCO — Jay W. Ziegler, 88, died Monday, April 15, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

He worked as a farmer in Whitley County prior to moving in 1954 to Prophetstown, Ill. A U.S. Army veteran, he served in Pacific Theater operations during World War II. He was a member of Blue River Church of the Brethren in Whitley County.


Mr. Ziegler

He was born Dec. 3, 1913, in Noble County to Jesse and Lillie (Prough) Zeigler. As a child he moved to Whitley County with his parents, graduating in 1934 from Churubusco High School. After his military service he farmed in Whitley County before moving to Prophetstown, Ill., in 1954.

He married Vera May Long Oct. 16, 1955, in Forreston, Ill. The couple resided in the Forreston area for many years while Mr. Ziegler worked there as a farmer. Mrs. Ziegler preceded him in death April 29, 1984, and he moved back to Churubusco in 1990.

Surviving are three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Clarence Zeigler of Columbia City, Ralph P. and Dolores Zeigler of Churubusco and Allen E. and Jeanie Zeigler, also of Churubusco; six sisters, Mae Wappes of Mesa, Ariz., Geraldine Growcock, Betty Grabill and Barbara Nicodemus, all of Columbia City, and Martha Wappes and Joy Follis, both of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Ben, Lee, John, Marshal and Donald Zeigler.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Craig Alan Myers of Blue River Church of the Brethren will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Robert Wright

ORLAND — Robert W. Wright, 84, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in his Orland home.

Mr. Wright worked at Bowser in Fort Wayne for 20 years and at Stanadyne in Garrett for 15 years. He was a 1935 graduate of Salem Center High School.

A resident of Helmer for most of his life, he moved to Wall Lake in 1986. He spent winters in Florida.

He was born April 15, 1917, in Helmer to Ora and Cora (Freed) Wright.

He married Lois M. Stackhouse on May 3, 1941, in Salem Center. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, C.W. and Brenda Wright of Equality, Ala.; one daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Don Gunn of Indianapolis; three grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, six step-great-grandchildren and many Stackhouse nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna, with Father Skip Cartsen officiating.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Cancer Society or Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Russell M. Scheurich, 77

GARRETT-Russell M. Scheurich, 77, died Tuesday, April 8, 2002, at Bethlehem Woods Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

He worked all of his life in Garrett as a farmer and excavator. He also worked for Garrett-Keyser-Butler Schools as a maintenance man and bus driver.

He graduated from Avilla High School and served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He attended Aberdeen Diesel Mechanic Training.

He was born Feb. 18, 1925, in Avilla to Kenneth K. and Gladys A. (McCoy) Scheurich. He married Anna L. Woodcox on June 21, 1947, at Garrett United Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Leila L. Marks of Fort Wayne and Val M. and Brian Black of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Merritt G. and Janet Scheurich of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Nathan and Anthony Scheurich, Amanda Begue and Corrin Borns, all of Garrett, Kristi Snyder of South Whitley, Chad Marks of Fort Wayne and Kyle and Angela Black, both of Albion; two great-grandchildren, Rachelle and Brock Snyder South Whitley; three sisters, Alene Cramer of Kendallville and Marcella Duguid and Evelyn Steward, both of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Richard Allen Marks; a brother, Maynard Scheurich: and two sisters, Marian Scheurich and Veda Stout.

Services were held on Saturday, April 13, 2002 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Richard Pickard will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett. Garrett American Legion Post 178 will perform military graveside services.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Cancer Society, DeKalb County Hospice or the Gideons.

Glenn Kilgore

WOLF LAKE - Glenn M. Kilgore, 86, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A life-long resident of Wolf Lake, he was a farmer and worked for Dana Corp. in Churubusco, retiring in 1980.

He served in the U. S. Army during World War II in the Pacific theater.

He was born in Noble County on July 30, 1915, to Elmer F. and Minnie F. (Meyers) Kilgore. He married Betty A. Coverstone on April 3, 1949. She preceded him in death on Aug. 12, 1970.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lewis and Sherri Kilgore and David and Susan Kilgore, all of Kimmell; three daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Rick Rawles of Albion, Nancy and Edwin Sprunger of Columbia City and Caroline and Greg Resler of Wolf Lake; 15 grandchildren; two step grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one step-greatgrandchildren; and three brothers, Robert Kilgore, Donald Kilgore and John Kilgore.

~~He was preceded in death~~ by a grandchild and a sister, Isabelle Kilgore.

Services were held on Monday, April 15, 2002 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. The Rev. Dan Carlson officiated. Burial was in Stringtown Cemetery in Wolf Lake.

Memorials are to Noble County Meals on Wheels or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Betty McAfee

TOCSIN-Betty D. McAfee, 81, died Wednesday, April 10, 2002, at home.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen Dunlap of rural Albion; three sons, Terry McAfee of Fairfax, Va., Jeffrey McAfee of Berne and Jann McAfee of Tocsin; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and two step-greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert McAfee, who died in 1971.

Services were held on Saturday, April 13, 2002 at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home Ossian Chapel. Burial will be in Prairie View Cemetery in Tocsin.

Memorials are to Wells County Cancer Society, Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Faith Fellowship.

Ellen Joan Butler

BELLE, MO–Ellen Joan Butler, 71, of Belle, MO, a member of First Christian Church, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

The Wells County, IN native taught high school business classes for 44 years. She was a graduate of Liberty Center IN High School.

Surviving are sons Tom of Vichy, MO and Dale of Belle, MO a brother, Roger Huffman of Bluffton, IN; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hieber, and a sister. Services were held March 23.

Mrs. Butler was the business teacher at Wolf Lake High School in the 1950s and 1960s.

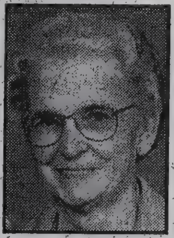
Outside the classroom Mrs. Butler was a lot of fun. In the classroom her composure and demeanor discouraged misbehavior from even the most mischievously motivated students; thus she provided her students a fertile environment in which to learn. Mrs. Butler inspired her students to enjoy and use the skills she taught them. She was a good teacher.

Grace Yoder

LAGRANGE — Grace Virginia (Schrock) Yoder, 83, died Monday, April 15, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She lived most of her life in Shipshewana, where for 47 years she was the co-owner and operator of Yoder's Service Station with her husband, Harry V. Yoder. She was a member of Shore Mennonite Church.

She was born April 23, 1918, in Princeton, Ill., to Grant and Margaret (Kirkpatrick) Schrock. She was raised since the age of 5 by foster parents, Ira T. and Elva Yoder. She married Mr. Yoder June 29, 1935 in Shipshewana. He survives in Shipshewana.


Mrs. Yoder

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Shirley and Jim Miller of Shipshewana and Carolyn Waters of Middlebury; three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger D. and Marolyn Yoder of Shipshewana, Raymond E. and Jean Yoder of Hicksville, Ohio, and Stanley and Barb Yoder of Angola; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Kevin Davis.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana. The Revs. Carl Horner and Brent Eash will officiate. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. today at the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Rainbow Years Learning Center or the Shipshewana Park Board for a new pavilion.

Anna Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Anna Julia Miller, 90, died Monday, April 15, 2002, at the home of her son, Billy Miller.

She was a homemaker and worked at various local restaurants.

She was a member of First Mennonite Church, where she was active in WMSC, and of York Home Economics Club. She spent winters in Pinecraft, Fla., since 1970, volunteering for 13 years at Sunnyside Nursing Home in Sarasota, Fla.

Mrs. Miller

She was born Oct. 21, 1911, in Haven, Kan., to Christ and Lydia (Miller) Miller. She married Harley P. Miller Dec. 24, 1936, in Goshen. He preceded her in death Oct. 28, 1977.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Eloise and Ivan Kauffman of Sarasota; two sons and daughters-in-law, Billy and Sandy Miller and Don and Bernie Miller, all of Middlebury; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ida Stutzman of Middlebury.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Erik Miller; three brothers, Manass, William and Christ Miller; and five sisters, Barbara Troyer, Lizzie Beachy, Susan and Mary Yoder and Polly Christner.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury. The Revs. Linford Martin and Myron Bontreger will officiate. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Erik Miller and Phil Troyer Memorial for Dollars for Scholars or Goshen General Care at home.

Paul Gienger

LAOTTO — Paul D. Gienger, 77, died Monday, April 15, 2002, at home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Mildred Boger

FORT WAYNE — Mildred Boger, 76, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, in Fort Wayne.

She worked as a secretary for eight years at International Harvester and Navistar. She also worked for five years at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne campus.

She was born in Adair, Okla.

Surviving are a son, Thomas L. Boger of Albion; a daughter, Susan E. Triplett of Middleport, N.Y.; a brother, the Rev. Paul Marschke of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a sister, Ruth Marschke of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan Lee Boger, who died in 2000.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Concordia Gardens.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the church, the American Heart Association or donor's choice.

Services Held

STROH — Services for **Bud K. Hamilton Jr.** were 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh. The Revs. Denny Sparkman and Willie Collins officiated.

Burial was in Sedan Cemetery near Corunna. Pallbearers were Tavis Sparkman, Derrick, Jerry and Wes Hamilton, A.C. Collins and Jackie Hall. Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home Kendallville.

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Eugene Whittecar

LAGRANGE — Eugene "E.J." J. Whittecar, 78, died Sunday at home.

He worked as a brakeman for Conrail, retiring after 43 years. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was born in Garrett.

Surviving are his wife, Bonnie Whittecar of Columbia City; two daughters, Freda Harmeyer of Fort Wayne and Christine Lonis of Roanoke; a son, Mark Whittecar of Fort Wayne; a sister, Shirley Emenhiser of Auburn; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Steven G. Whittecar, who died in 2000.

Services are 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange. The U.S. Navy will perform graveside military rites.

Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cedarville Community Church in Leo-Cedarville.

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Louise Einhorn

FORT WAYNE — Louise S. Einhorn, 97, died Sunday, April 7, 2002, at Kingston Residence in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed playing bridge and bingo, sewing and spending time with her family and friends. She was a pastel artist and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Fort Wayne, the Gene Stratton-Porter Literary Club and the Purdue Home Economics Club.

She was born Sept. 16, 1904, in Mount Vernon, Ill., to Posey Woodside and Lillian L. (Goodrich) White. As a young girl she moved with her parents to St. Louis, where she spent her formative years and graduated from high school.

Mrs. Einhorn

She married William D. Einhorn Jan. 28, 1923, in St. Louis. They moved in 1925 to Fort Wayne. Upon Mr. Einhorn's retirement in 1963, the couple began spending summers at their house in Tri-Lakes and winters in St. Petersburg, Fla. They moved in 1992 to Kingston Residence.

Mr. Einhorn preceded her in death Nov. 26, 1997.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Virginia and Joseph Laudadio of Fort Wayne, Bettina and Jack Worthman of Crooked Lake and Linda L. Wilkie of Lafayette; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Arthur "Bud" White.

Celebration of Life Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Plymouth Congregational Church. The Revs. John Gardner and Ruth Phillips will officiate.

A reception immediately follows services in the Folsom Room of the church.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Plymouth Congregational Church or Heartland Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Tim Henning

SPOKANE, Wash. — Tim Henning, 44, died Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at home in Spokane.

A native of Churubusco, he worked since 1997 as director of financial aid at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.; prior to that, he worked for a year in the financial aid department of Washington State University in Spokane. From 1987 to 1996 he worked as a financial aid officer at Ball State University in Muncie. From 1981 to 1986 he worked as an accountant for Shell Oil Co. in Houston, Texas, and New Orleans.

Mr. Henning

He was born Dec. 31, 1957, to Ronald and Jo Anne (O'Dier) Henning. They survive in Churubusco. He grew up in Churubusco and graduated in 1976 from Churubusco High School, where he excelled in the fine arts department. He married his wife, Joan, May 27, 1995. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Lori Henning of Churubusco; two daughters, Janey Henning of Chicago and Emmy Henning at home; a son, Andy Henning at home; a stepdaughter, Melissa Schroeder of Spokane; a stepson, Brian Ward of Spokane; an uncle and aunt, Jesse and Mary Henning of Fort Wayne; and a niece, Taylor Henning of Churubusco.

Celebration of Life Services are 7 p.m. Sunday at Churubusco United Methodist Church. The Rev. Christine Newman Jacobs will officiate.

A reception immediately follows services at the church.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Society in Indianapolis.

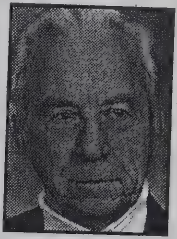
Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Paul Gienger

LAOTTO — Paul D. Gienger, 77, died Monday, April 15, 2002, at home in rural LaOtto.

He worked most of his life as a dairy farmer in LaGrange County. He also worked as a Realtor for many years.

He was a 50-year member of F & AM Avilla Lodge 460, York Rite Orders, and a member of the William Hacker Chapter 63, R.A.M. of Auburn, DeKalb Council 57 R & SM in Auburn, Apollo Cammandery 19 K.T. of Garrett and Mizpah Shrine Temple of Fort Wayne.


Mr. Gienger

He was also a 50-year member of Farm Bureau, a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto and the Purdue Collegiate Dairy Judging Team. He placed third in the North American Collegiate Judging Contest. Additionally, he was a certified judge of all dairy breeds and was co-coach of first place teams in the 4-H and FFA dairy judging contest at the 1949 All-American Jersey Expo.

He was born July 25, 1924, in Garrett to Walter and Edna (Christlieb) Gienger. He graduated in 1942 from Avilla High School and attended Indiana University/Purdue University Extension, majoring in dairy production.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Jane Gienger, of Upton, Mass.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Julia Gienger of Yokohama, Japan, and Laura and Rusty Carteaux of Avilla; a sister, Jenny Miller of LaGrange; a brother, H. Wayne Conkle of Auburn; five grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Gienger.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto. Pastor Sue Socha will officiate. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery near Avilla.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Masonic Lodge services by Avilla Lodge 460 are 7 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the Shriners' Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Marsha Frame

ZANESVILLE, Ohio — Marsha A. Frame, 57, died Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at a family member's home in Zanesville.

She was a former manager of Comfort Inn and Best Western motels. She also worked as bookkeeper and office manager for Zanesville Pallet Inc. She was a graduate of Rosecrans High School and Meredith Business College. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

She was born March 23, 1945, in Sturgis, Mich., to James C. and Adelle (Hartman) Vaughn. She married Ronald J. Frame Aug. 28, 1965. He survives in Zanesville.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Brandee L. Wahl of Zanesville and Deborah and Ian Decker of Marietta; two sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher J. and Erin Frame of Indianapolis and Clinton J. and Maria Frame with the U.S. Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Kelsey Wahl, Kaila, Briana, Ty and Joey Frame and Kyler and Diamond Decker; her mother, Adelle Hartman Vaughn of Howe; a brother and sister-in-law, Chuck and Dorothy Vaughn of Howe; and her dog, Honey.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ronald J. Frame Jr., and a brother, James Vaughn.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Zanesville. Fr. Antoninus Niemiec will officiate. Burial will be in Olive Cemetery in Zanesville.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Hillis Funeral Home in Zanesville, with a vigil service at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Genesis Hospice Morrison House.

Rev. Charles E. Elam

WARREN — The Rev. Charles E. Elam, 77, died Thursday, April 18, 2002, at home.

He was a United Methodist minister, retiring in 1989 after 45 years of serving churches in Gravel Switch, Ky., Macon, Ga., Lizella, Ga., College Corner, Logansport, Monroe, Marion, Ligonier, Rensselaer, Dunkirk and Elwood. He also served for six years as chaplain at United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Rev. Elam was born in Index, Ky.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred; a daughter, Charlotte Messick of Roanoke; a son, Philip R. Elam of Fort Wayne; a brother, Donald R. Elam of West Liberty, Ky.; four sisters, Dorothy Elam, Ruth Elam and Esther Gilliam, all of West Liberty, and Frances A. Munson of Vancleve, Ky.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery in Warren.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Glancy Funeral Home Butler Chapel, Warren, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to United Methodist Memorial Home Foundation.

Margaret Baker

FORT WAYNE — Margaret R. Baker, 61, died Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She worked as a nurse's aide at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, retiring after 25 years.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Brenda Drudge of Fort Wayne; a son, Richard S. Odem of Mount Sterling, Ky.; her mother, Margaret Gable of New Haven; three brothers, Oscar H. Odem of New Haven, George Odem of Albion and Michael Odem of Butler; six sisters, Susan Ley and Charlott Odem, both of Fort Wayne, and Karen Haviland, Leota Rhodes, Sally Stienbarger and Velma Rinehart, all of Albion; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer, who died in 1987.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Lillian F. Blanton** were 10 a.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Calvin J. Kolzow Jr. officiated.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Larry Blanton, Doug and Chris Harker, Dave Holbrook, Joe Ackerman and Fred Stacy.

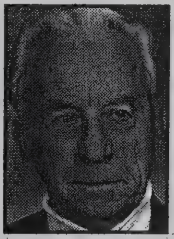
The following obituary is being reprinted to add information not originally provided by the family to the funeral home.

Paul Gienger

LAOTTO — Paul D. Gienger, 77, died Monday, April 15, 2002, at home in rural LaOtto.

He worked most of his life as a dairy farmer in LaGrange County. He also worked as a Realtor for many years.

He was a 50-year member of F & AM Avilla Lodge 460, York Rite Orders, and a member of the William Hacker Chapter 63, R.A.M. of Auburn, DeKalb Council 57 R & SM in Auburn, Apollo Cammandery 19 K.T. of Garrett and Mizpah Shrine Temple of Fort Wayne.



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He was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert Gienger, Robert Stewart and Dean Mauger.

Services are 11 a.m. today at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto. Pastor Sue Socha will officiate. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery near Avilla.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Shriners' Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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N. Michael Smaltz

AUBURN — N. Michael Smaltz, 59, died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at 3:15 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Smaltz owned and operated Taylor Rental in Auburn and Kendallville. He was a current member of the DeKalb County Council.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Clara Rose

BUTLER — Clara F. Rose, 103, died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at 2:20 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She was a homemaker and domestic. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Defiance, Ohio, and the Florence Lenman Class at the church.

She was born April 27, 1898, in Hancock County, Ohio, to W.D. and Emma J. (Orwick) Farmer.

Surviving are one sister, Neva Lipman of Angola, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy Farmer and Bertha Posey, and one brother, Lloyd E. Farmer.

Services will be held Tuesday at noon (Indiana time) in Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home in Defiance, with calling after 10 a.m. (Indiana time). The Rev. David Good will officiate. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery, Tiffin Township, Ohio.

Memorials are to the church.

Ruth Pounds

SYRACUSE — Ruth A. Pounds, 62, died Friday, April 19, 2002, at 5:55 p.m. at her daughter's home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Pounds had owned and operated Ruth's Styling Salon in Syracuse, and more recently had operated Kid's Station Consignment Shop. She was a member of Syracuse United Pentecostal Church. She enjoyed reading and arranging for special music at her church.

She was born June 15, 1939, in Syracuse to Jay Royal Kline and Mildred (Gilbert) Kline.

She married James A. Pounds on Jan. 12, 1967, in Avilla. He died July 1, 1998.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel O. and Marcela Walker of Houston, Texas, and A. Price and Marlys Pounds of LaPorte; two daughters and sons-in-law, Serrena L. and Darrell Hudson of Indianapolis, and Helen M. and Doug Allen of Syracuse; two brothers, Jay Kline of South Bend and David Kline of Syracuse; one sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Donald Swihart of Syracuse; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Syracuse United Pentecostal Church, Harrison and Pearl streets, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. D.L. McKinnies will officiate. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Syracuse United Pentecostal Church.

Area businessman N. Michael Smaltz dies

AUBURN — N. Michael Smaltz, 59, died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at 3:15 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Smaltz

Mr. Smaltz owned and operated Taylor Rental in Auburn and Kendallville. He was currently serving on the DeKalb County Council.

A Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Navy, he retired as a captain in 1994. He was a 1966 graduate of Ohio University with a bachelor of science degree in education.

He was a Past Master of DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, F.&A.M., and a member of York Rite William Hacker 55, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Flying Shriners and Hoosier Warbirds. He was past president of Auburn Rotary Club and a life member of the Garrett post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Smaltz was born Aug. 16, 1942, in Mansfield, Ohio, to Norman and Mary Helen (McClure) Smaltz. His mother survives in Bellville, Ohio, and his father preceded him in death.

He married Mary M. Shook on July 17, 1965, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Dawn Smaltz of Indianapolis, and Benjamin and Shelley Smaltz of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Joel and Betty Smaltz of Virginia Beach, Va.; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Smaltz of Newark, Ohio; and five grandchildren, Ashley Nicole Smaltz, Megan Olivia Smaltz, Maeghan Nicole Kobylarczyk, Henry Nicholas Smaltz and Jessica Julianna Smaltz.

A brother, Thomas M. Smaltz, and a sister, Sandra Sue Smaltz, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, with calling there one hour before the services. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn, with military graveside services by Garrett American Legion Post 187 and the Garrett VFW.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214 will conduct services Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, Shriners Children's Hospital and the New Hope Christian Center.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Juanita Amaya

CHURUBUSCO — Juanita Marie Amaya, 68, died Sunday, April 21, 2002, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Amaya

She was a homemaker.

She was born Jan. 15, 1934, in Middletown, Ohio, to Benny Thomas and Esther Marie (Boggs) Smith. She married Emilio T. Amaya Sept. 1, 1972, in Roswell, N.M. He survives in Churubusco.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Van Slucher of Fort Wayne and Tammy and T.J. Jackson of Churubusco; a brother, Fred Smith of New Mexico; eight grandchildren, Shane Snyder, Susan Cripe, J.J., Adam and Rabecka Jackson, and Kristi, Kelli and Jason Slucher; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Debbie Stanley; and a son, Ted Thomas Stanley.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco. Pastor Darrell Poeppeimeyer will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling is 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home.

Louise More

CHURUBUSCO — Louise E. Miller More, 82, died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a registered nurse at Luckey Hospital in Wolf Lake and Linvill Memorial Hospital in Columbia City. She was a member of the Blue River Church of the Brethren and enjoyed cooking, gardening and sewing.

She was born Dec. 31, 1919, in Whitley County, to Melvin Monroe and Juda Elizabeth (Zumbrun) Miller. She graduated from Churubusco High School and received a nursing degree in 1942 from Lutheran School of Nursing in Fort Wayne.

She married George More April 2, 1955. She and Mr. More lived in Smith Township, Whitley County. He preceded her in death in 1993.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Jane; two brothers, Ralph and John Miller; a sister, Hildreth Gump; and an infant sister.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, John P. More of Churubusco and David M. and Linda More of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Linda Snyder of Illinois; four grandchildren; and a sister, Esther Geiger of Columbia City.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Blue River Church of the Brethren. Pastor Craig A. Myers will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 8 p.m. today at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Memorials are to Blue River Church of the Brethren Missions Fund or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

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Clyde Avery

AKRON — Clyde "Ervin" Avery, 58, died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Rochester.

He was born April 11, 1944, in Charlotte, N.C., to Dean R. and Eunice Virginia Avery. He attended Bourbon High School and received his GED in 1968. He lived most of his life in the Plymouth and Akron area.

He married Betty Phyllis Hill in 1963. She preceded him in death Oct. 4, 2001.

Also preceding him in death were his parents, Dean R. Avery and Eunice Virginia Avery Archambeault, and his stepfather, Jack Archambault of Bourbon.

Surviving are three sons, Clyde "Chip" Ervin Avery Jr. of Plymouth, Richard Allen Avery of Argos and John Henry Avery of Rochester; a daughter, Julie Ann Sheetz of Rochester; eight grandchildren; three brothers, Joseph A. Avery of Norristown, Lester D. Avery of Milford and the Rev. James M. Archambeault of Kendallville; three sisters, Betty J. Avery of Norristown, Susan M. Gilley of Nappanee and Jackelyn Ochstein of Bourbon.

Graveside services are 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Bourbon. The Rev. James M. Archambeault will officiate.

Deaton Funeral Home in Bourbon is in charge of arrangements.

June Haskins

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — June M. Haskins, 79, died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at home.

She worked in the office of Harter Corp. in Sturgis, Mich., retiring in 1984 after 28 years. She was a member of Plato United Methodist Church and the LaGrange Moose Auxiliary.

Born June 2, 1922, in LaGrange County to Claude J. Sr. and Bertrice M. (Feller) Cline, she lived most of her life in LaGrange and Sturgis. She married Maynard A. Haskins Sept. 14, 1968, in Sturgis. He preceded her in death Jan. 21, 1988.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Michael R. Gerren, who died Dec. 2, 1988; a sister, Twila Cline; and two brothers, Keith and Charles Cline.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Dale Kimball of Battle Creek, Mich., and Linda and Phillip Wotta of Coldwater, Mich.,; two stepchildren, Janis Penick of Howe and Gene Haskins of Columbia City; four sisters, Mabel McCormick of Dallas, Carol Simmons of Goshen, Ramona Knop of Springfield, Ohio, and Nancy Nicholson of Staatsburg, N.Y.; three brothers, Claude Cline Jr. of LaGrange, Donald Cline of South Bend and Samuel Cline of Jonesboro, Ga.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Carldean Merrifield will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society, the Leukemia Society, Battle Creek Good Samaritan Hospice or Plato United Methodist Church.

Calvin Whirledge

TOPEKA — Calvin E. Whirledge, 79, of Topeka died at 5:26 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had suffered a stroke two weeks ago.

He was born May 25, 1922, in rural Goshen to Leo and Ethel (Bowman) Whirledge. He had lived all his life in the area.

He was owner and operator of Gill Parsons Wholesale for 38 years. Prior to that he worked at the former Penn Controls, Goshen. He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church and also attended St. John's Fishlake Lutheran Church. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of American Legion Post 484, Millersburg. He graduated from Millersburg High School in 1940 and restored Model T cars.

He married Eileen Edwards in Goshen on July 13, 1947. She died March 20, 2000.

Survivors include two daughters, Julie (Robert) Harmeyer of Fort Wayne, and Cathy (Danny) Tabor of Osceola; three sisters, Violet Mehl of Shipshewana, Elizabeth (Larry) Daniels of Topeka, and Dorothy (Jim) Digler of Goshen; two brothers, Ernest (Phyllis) Whirledge and Willis (Cherie) Whirledge, both of Goshen; one grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by one sister, Grace Darr, and one brother, Ellis Whirledge.

The funeral was this morning at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with the Rev. Dr. James Cotter of Praise Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, officiating.

Burial was in Forrest Grove Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital or Praise Lutheran Church of American Legion Post 484.

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Nellie Mathieu

CHURUBUSCO — Nellie J. "June" Mathieu, 75, died Sunday, April 21, 2002, at The Oaks of Columbia City.

Survivors include a daughter, Jodi Stangland of Columbia City; and a son, Charles Mathieu of Churubusco.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Marlene Dantos

WARRENVILLE, Ill. — Marlene Ann Dantos, 69, died Tuesday, April 16, 2002, in Orlando, Fla., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was born Jan. 17, 1933, in Geneva, Ill., to Homer and Helen (Rugman) Heitz.

Surviving her are her husband, William Dantos; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Michael Scheffler; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Patricia Dantos; four grandchildren, Lance Cpl. Sean Scheffler of the U.S. Marine Corps, Christian Dantos, Nicole Ann Dantos and Charlotte Marlene Scheffler; two nieces, Jodi Stewart and Jennifer Heitz; and two nephews, Jack A. Heitz Jr. and Jacob Heitz.

A brother, Jack Alan Heitz Sr., preceded her in death.

Williams Woodward Funeral Home of West Chicago, Ill., is in charge of arrangements.

Burial will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Cedar Chapel Cemetery in rural Garrett.

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Forrest Frye

COLUMBIA CITY — Forrest "Bud" Richard Frye, 86, died Monday, April 22, 2002, at The Oaks Living Care Center in Columbia City.

He was a farmer, factory worker and construction worker. He also owned and operated Frye Grocery and Gas for seven years in Merriam.

Mr. Frye lived in Georgia for 12 years and in Wells and Jay counties in Indiana prior to moving to Columbia City in 1958.

Mr. Frye

He was born Feb. 3, 1916, in Brown County, to Oscar O. and Grace (Laisure) Frye. He attended school in Hoagland and Bloomington. He married Mary Alice Ulmer Oct. 12, 1935, in Decatur. She survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Richard E. and Ardonna Frye of Rome City, Larry K. and Diana S. Frye of Kankakee, Ill., Roger D. and Sharon L. Frye of Trion, Ga., Steven L. and Mary Lou Frye of Bryant and John D. and Teri L. Frye of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis J. and John Yeatts of Warren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bernice Cash of Steamboat Springs, Colo., and Betty and Oswell Hughes of Conners, Ga.; a brother, William Frye of Dallas; 19 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald and Ebert Frye; two sisters, Berdilla Hughes and Virginia Kunihiro; and three grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Pastor Harold Polk will officiate. Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Nellie Mathieu

CHURUBUSCO — Nellie Jeanette "June" Mathieu, 75, died Sunday, April 21, 2002, at The Oaks Living Care Center in Columbia City.

She worked as a waitress for several restaurants in the Churubusco area. As a young woman she worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the ladies' auxiliaries of Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 and Churubusco VFW Turtle Post 3846. She was also a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church.

Mrs. Mathieu

She was born June 12, 1926, in Churubusco to William and Fern (Truman) Craig. She grew up in Churubusco and graduated in 1944 from Churubusco High School. She married Ralph C. Mathieu Jan. 24, 1948, in Ege. He preceded her in death Feb. 27, 1994.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Becki Mathieu of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Jodi and Dean Stangland of Columbia City; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Margaret and Robert Workman of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Sarah Ann (Harroff) Blackshire of Syracuse; a brother and sister-in-law, William Paul and Grethal Craig of Salt Rock, W.V.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco. Father Danney Pinto will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to the church for Masses or to Whitley County EMS Medic 21.

Harriet Hissong

OSSIAN — Harriet A. Hissong, 85, died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She was born in Fort Wayne and worked as a homemaker.

Surviving are four sons, Robert C., Frank and Larry Hissong, all of Fort Wayne, and Roy D. Hissong of Harlan; a daughter, Lorene Gibson of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lucy Walters of Rome City; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cleo Hissong, who died in 1976.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurses and Hospice Inc.

Alan van der Smissen

FORT WAYNE — Alan R. van der Smissen, 50, died Monday, April 22, 2002, at home.

He was born in Fort Wayne and worked at L.H. Carbide. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Surviving are his father, Richard W. van der Smissen of Kendallville; and three sisters, Jane Yoder of Fort Wayne, Diane Kain of Springfield, Ohio, and Linda Conway of Grove City, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Debra.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Highland Park Cemetery Chapel.

Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Memorials to the Life Support Foundation or Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

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Glenn Kilgore

WOLF LAKE - Glenn M. Kilgore, 86, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A life-long resident of Wolf Lake, he was a farmer and worked for Dana Corp. in Churubusco, retiring in 1980.

He served in the U. S. Army during World War II in the Pacific theater.

He was born in Noble County on July 30, 1915, to Elmer F. and Minnie F. (Meyers) Kilgore. He married Betty A. Coverstone on April 3, 1949. She preceded him in death on Aug. 12, 1970.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lewis and Sherri Kilgore and David and Susan Kilgore, all of Kimmell; three daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and Rick Rawles of Albion, Nancy and Edwin Sprunger of Columbia City and Caroline and Greg Resler of Wolf Lake; 15 grandchildren; two step grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one step-greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert Kilgore, Donald Kilgore and John Kilgore; one sister, Isabelle Kilgore and a grandchild.

Services were held on Monday, April 15, 2002 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. The Rev. Dan Carlson officiated. Burial was in Stringtown Cemetery in Wolf Lake.

Memorials are to Noble County Meals on Wheels or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Margaret Baker

FORT WAYNE–Margaret R. Baker, 61, died Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She worked as a nurse's aide at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, retiring after 25 years.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Brenda Drudge of Fort Wayne; a son, Richard S. Odem of Mount Sterling, Ky.; her mother, Margaret Gable of New Haven; three brothers, Oscar H. Odem of New Haven, George Odem of Albion and Michael Odem of Butler; six sisters, Susan Ley and Charlott Odem, both of Fort Wayne, and Karen Haviland, Leota Rhodes, Sally Stienbarger and Velma Rinehart, all of Albion; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer, who died in 1987.

Services were Saturday at D. O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Mildred Boger

FORT WAYNE–Mildred Boger, 76, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, in Fort Wayne.

She worked as a secretary for eight years at International Harvester and Navistar. She also worked for five years at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne campus.

She was born in Adair, Okla.

Surviving are a son, Thomas L. Boger of Albion; a daughter, Susan E. Triplett of Middleport, N. Y.; a brother, the Rev. Paul Marschke of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a sister, Ruth Marschke of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan Lee Boger, who died in 2000.

Services were held on Saturday, April 20, 2002 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Burial was in Concordia Gardens.

Memorials are to the church, the American Heart Association or donor's choice.

Florence Brown

KENDALLVILLE — Florence E. Brown, 79, died today, Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Destini Rish

LAFONTAINE — Destini Ann Rish, 12 days, died Monday, April 22, 2002, at Wabash County Hospital.

She was born April 10, 2002, in Marion to Ryan D. and Brandy M. (Mitchell) Rish. They survive in LaFontaine.

Also surviving are paternal great-grandparents, Comer and Irene Bilbrey of Marion and David Sr. and Wilma Rish of Wabash; maternal great-grandparents, Donald and Barbara Mitchell of Hartford City; paternal grandparents, David Rish of Kokomo and Tamara Rish of Wabash; and her maternal grandfather, Donald Mitchell of Kendallville.

Services are 11:30 a.m. Thursday at McDonald Funeral Home Eddingfield Chapel in Wabash. Pastor Doug Phillips will officiate. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery in Wabash.

Calling is 9 a.m. until services Thursday.

Nancy Wallace

ALBION — Nancy J. Wallace, 54, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

She was formerly of Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Ruth Martin

FORT WAYNE — Ruth A. Martin, 90, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at The Towne House.

She worked as a court reporter in Huntington. She lived for 25 in Kendallville, coming from Huntington. She left Kendallville and moved to Fort Wayne, where she resided for the past 10 years.

She was born July 23, 1911, in Huntington to Fred Brahs and Elizabeth Rechlaw. She married Russell M. Martin in Huntington in 1947. He preceded her in death June 6, 1964.

Surviving is a sister, Barbara Fordyce of Ashland, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Graveside services are 10:30 a.m. Monday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. The Rev. Robert Shriner will officiate. No calling.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne Visiting Nurse Hospice.

Willard Trent

CHURUBUSCO — Willard Wesley Trent, 64, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He retired from his job as a mechanic at Associated Tires in Fort Wayne, living in the Allen and Whitley County area for most of his life. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco.

He was born Sept. 4, 1937, in Brethitt County, Ky., to Malcolm and Euphemia (Fletcher) Trent. He lived in the Churubusco area for a short time as a child, but spent most of his formative years in Brethitt County.

He married Helen Heintzelman Oct. 31, 1961. She preceded him in death in 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Vicki Trent of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Betty Trent of Leo and Kevin and Cindy Trent of Fort Wayne; a sister, Hazel Watkins of Brethitt County; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services are 2 p.m. Thursday at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. The Rev. E. Vaughn Powell will officiate. Members of American Legion Post 157 will perform graveside military rites.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Services Held

SYRACUSE — Services for **Ruth A. Pounds** were 11 a.m. Monday at Syracuse United Pentecostal Church. The Rev. D.L. McKinnies officiated. Burial was in Syracuse Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dan Walker, Price Pounds, Darrell Hudson, Doug and Nathan Allen and John Watkins.

THE NEWS-SUN THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2002

Eleanor Brown

KENDALLVILLE — Florence Eleanor Brown, 79, died Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

A lifelong resident of Kendallville, Mrs. Brown worked for 10 years in the advertising department of McCray Refrigeration. She attended Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

She was born Jan. 26, 1923, in Kendallville to James Guy Nesbitt and Vida Mae McDonald. She married James N. Brown Dec. 24, 1947, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death Nov. 14, 1998.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Brandon Brown.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Dana Howard of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, James E. and Dixie Brown of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Adam Hart, Nathan and Laura Brown and Shelby Howard; a great-granddaughter, Olivia Hart; and a brother, James Guy Nesbitt Jr. of North Highlands, Calif.

Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. James Toole will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church or Kendallville Manor.

Nancy Wallace

ALBION — Nancy J. Wallace, 54, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Wallace

Mrs. Wallace worked as a registered nurse at McCray Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1992 after 15 years. She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

She was born Feb. 5, 1948, in Evansville to Maurice and Marjorie (Krahn) Dorsam. She graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1966 and from St. Joseph School of Nursing in 1969. She married Ted P. Wallace March 6, 1971, in Fort Wayne . He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Dana Wallace of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jennifer Wallace of Washington D.C.; and a granddaughter, Hannah Wallace.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Ann Tieman of Columbia City, who died in 2001.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Rosary service is 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS-SUN FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2002

Wilda Halsey

COSPERVILLE — Wilda G. Halsey, 88, of rural Cosperville died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at home.

She was a farm wife and served as treasurer of Cosperville Baptist Church, where she was a member and taught Sunday school. She enjoyed cooking, gardening and reading religious material. She resided in Noble County for 56 years.

She was born Nov. 20, 1913, in Angola to Merle and Blanche (Elliott) Gonser. She married Ray Halsey in November 1930. He preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert D. Gonser.

Surviving are two sons, Dale R. Halsey of Ligonier and Brian E. Halsey of Dexter, Mich.; a daughter, Mary L. Weick of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lois Willibey of Bloomington; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are 1 p.m. today at Cosperville Cemetery. The Rev. Jim Barnes will officiate.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Cosperville Baptist Church.

Ola Kline

LAGRANGE — Ola Fay Kline, 71, died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at home.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Thomas Mahoney

ANGOLA — Thomas F. Mahoney, 67, died Thursday, April 24, 2002, at his home on Lake Gage, Angola.

Mr. Mahoney was the former owner of Mahoney Metal Finishing in Kendallville and was a professional salesman for many years, representing several manufacturing companies.

He lived on Lake Gage for 26 years and formerly lived in Indianapolis.

A Korean conflict veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he also was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola and was an Eagle Scout in Indianapolis. He was a third-degree knight in Knights of Columbus Council 7053, which he was instrumental in starting.

He was born Aug. 3, 1934, in Indianapolis to Leo James and Kathryn (Connaughton) Mahoney.

He married Lenore Dufour on June 18, 1966, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Kevin T. and Kelly Mahoney of Auburn; two daughters and one son-in-law, Amalia "Molly" and Eric McCoy of Indianapolis, and Kate P. Mahoney, also of Indianapolis; two brothers, Leo J. Mahoney of Jensen Beach, Fla., and John T. Mahoney of Lake Gage, Angola; one sister, Mary Mahoney-Forbes of Indianapolis; a grandson expected in May; several nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

His parents and his stepfather, Joseph King, preceded him in death.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Council on Aging or Eagle Scouts of the Boy Scouts of America in Indianapolis.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2002

Rosco Nester

LAGRANGE — Rosco R. Nester, 63, died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at his home on Big Turkey Lake in rural Steuben County.

Mr. Nester was a self-employed carpenter and was a member of Calvary Chapel Fellowship of Stroh.

He was born Dec. 4, 1938, in Carroll County, Va., to John C. and Nina E. Nester.

He married Carol Murk on Nov. 25, 1995, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Paul Nester of Big Turkey Lake; two daughters, Penny Rugg of Salem Center and Jenny Braxton of Anderson; four stepsons, Steven Kaczmarek of Auburn, Frank Kaczmarek of South Bend, David Kaczmarek of Angola and Richard J. Andrews of Rockmart, Ga.; three stepdaughters, Linda Tinker of Littleton, Colo., Cathy Kmiecik of Houston, Texas, and Nancy Lawson of Camden, Mich.; two brothers and two sisters, all in Virginia; 30 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Anna Marie (Brown) Nester on April 28, 1994; and five brothers and sisters.

Services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Gary Rifenburg officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Ola Kline

LAGRANGE — Ola Fay Kline, 71, of LaGrange died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at her home.

Mrs. Kline was a homemaker.

She was born in Hazard, Ky., on May 8, 1930. On Nov. 8, 1976, she married Frank Kline in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Kline is survived by her husband, Frank; five daughters, Florence McKenzie of Mississippi, Jacqueline Smith of Salem, Ohio, Geraldine Canfield of Chatham, Ohio, Gail Williams of Rome City and Carrie, address unknown; two sons, Elvin Williams of Rome City and Ronnie Williams of Albion; and four brothers, Ishmel and Charles Napier, both of Rome City, and Cleon and Knox Napier, both of Kentucky.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Ada Twigg

KENDALLVILLE — Ada L. (Hardman) Twigg, 87, died early Thursday morning, April 25, 2002, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center, where she had resided since November 2001.

Mrs. Twigg worked as an inspector for Anchor Hocking Glass Co. in Winchester for 28 years. She lived in Winchester for 25 years, then moved to Tri-Lakes in Columbia City for 28 years. She was a member of the Winchester American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Nov. 29, 1914, in Jay County to Raymond and Goldie (Butcher) Roser.

She was first married to Robert Hardman. She then married Waldo Twigg in September 1963 and he died Nov. 9, 1983.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Richard L. and Sherry Hardman of Elwood; two daughters and sons-in-law, Bette and Jack Stahley of Richmond, Ind., and Barbara and Jesse James of Stroh; one brother, Kermit Roser of Kalamazoo, Mich.; 20 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jimmy, in 1993 and two grandsons, Richard and Jimmy.

Private family services will be held, with Pastor Charles Finster officiating.

Calling is Sunday from 1-5 p.m. in the Portland Chapel of Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation.

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Mildred Heign

KENDALLVILLE — Mildred J. Heign, 91, died Friday, April 26, 2002, at 6:09 p.m. at the Heritage Assisted Living Center in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mrs. Heign was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, the Women of St. John Lutheran Church and the Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary.

She was born in Huntington County on Nov. 26, 1910, to Lewis and Caroline (Mattern) Yentes. She married Homer L. Seng on June 28, 1930, and he preceded her in death on May 5, 1962. She married Paul W. Heign on Nov. 5, 1962, in Elkhart, and he preceded her in death on March 4, 2000.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Caroline and Roland Bercow of Three Rivers, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Karl and Jane Seng of Saint Joseph, Mich., and Dan and Linda Seng of Battle Creek, Mich; two step-daughters, Beverly Stonebraker of Kendallville and Nancy Kohlhoff of Valparaiso; one step-son and step-daughter-in-law, William and Pat Heign of Bluffton; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; and 15 step-great-grandchildren.

One step-grandchild and one step-great grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at the church.

Memorials to the Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy&hitefuneralhome.co.

Edward Deuitch

JAMESTOWN, N.D. — Edward H. Deuitch, 96, of Jamestown, N.D., a native of Avilla, died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at Meritcare Hospital in Fargo, N.D.

He had worked on the railroad in Indiana, as a lumberjack in Minnesota and on a ranch in Wyoming. He enjoyed his family, reading, hunting, fishing, pinochle, traveling and dancing.

Surviving are four daughters, Caroline Lee and Marlene Schielke, both of Jamestown; Sharon Rudnick of La Palma, Calif., and Barbara Brunelle of Argusville; three sons, Donald and John, both of Jamestown, and Robert of Burlington; 22 grandchildre;, 29 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise, sons Edward and Eugene, four brothers and four sisters.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Jamestown. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Jamestown.

Calling is Monday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at Eddy Funeral Home, Jamestown.

Memorials to Anne Carlsen Center for Children.

Ethel Ziebell

KENDALLVILLE — Ethel E. Ziebell, 94, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill.

A former resident of the Lamplighter in Kendallville, Mrs. Ziebell worked for Wirt Garment Co. in Ligonier and for 20 years as a cook at the Lutheran Home in Kendallville. She was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Stroh.

She was born Dec. 16, 1907, in Orange Township to Lester and Rosa (Bauman) Bortner. She married Harold E. Ziebell Dec. 17, 1937. He preceded her in death in September 1966. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Maynard Bortner.

Mrs. Ziebell

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ralph and Nancy E. Ziebell of Wolcottville; a son and friend, Walter and Sue Ziebell of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zion Lutheran Church in Corunna. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church or Zion Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Maralene Smith

AUBURN — Maralene D. Smith, 71, formerly of Corunna, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Marjorie McCarthy

GOSHEN — Marjorie L. McCarthy, 81, died Saturday, April 27, 2002, at Greencroft Nursing Center.

Mrs. McCarthy worked for 22 years as a district clerk for Hannibal Central School System. After retirement she worked as the administrator of the welfare and pension department of the Labor Union in Ithaca, N.Y. She lived in the Goshen area for 10 years.

She was born June 13, 1920, in Fulton, N.Y., to Raymond and Doris (Miller) Crofoot. She married Philip McCarthy Dec. 3, 1938, in Fulton. He preceded her in death June 25, 1990. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Dewey Crofoot.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Larry Klatt of Middlebury; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Charlotte McCarthy of Big Sandy, Texas; and a sister and brother-in-law, Clarice and Harold Farrell of Fulton.

No services or calling will be held.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Services Held

ALBION — Services for **Nancy J. Wallace** were 10 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Father Babasino Fernandes officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were Jim Dazey, Matt and Andrew Tieman, Dean Karbler, Roy Williams and John Edmondston.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Emma Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Emma L. Miller, 100, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and moved from Centerville, Mich., to the Middlebury area in November 1985. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Aug. 11, 1901, in Nappanee, to Levi and Katie (Burkholder) Miller. She married William P. Miller March 29, 1923. He preceded her in death July 14, 1985. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Andrew and Rueben Miller and Levi Miller Jr.; and two sisters, Sarah Miller and Mary Yoder.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Katie Ann and Alva Bontrager and Ruby and Sam Miller, all of LaGrange, and Mary Bontrager of Macomb, Ill.; six sons and daughters-in-law, Roman and Edna Miller and Ivan and Martha Miller, all of Centerville, Monroe and Betty Miller of LaGrange, Herman and Caroline Miller of Adamsville, Ohio, Andy and Mary Miller of Mt. Vernon, Ill., and Roy and Wilma Miller of Middlebury; 76 grandchildren; 426 great-grandchildren; and 103 great-great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Clara and Jake Bontrager of Colon, Mich., and Kathryn Gunter of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Mose and Edna Miller of Sarasota, Fla.

Services are 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Alvin Miller residence. Bishop Melvin H. Miller and the Rev. Perry F. Yoder will officiate. Burial will be in Nottawa Amish Cemetery in Centerville.

Calling is after 2 p.m. Monday and all day Tuesday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Von Olnhausen

STURGIS, Mich. — Donald Von Olnhausen, 70, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, at Select Specialty Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. Von Olnhausen worked as a quality control inspector for Ross Laboratories, retiring in 1986 after 35 years. He enjoyed fishing and woodworking. He was a member of Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

He was born June 25, 1931, in Brighton, to David and Pearl (Yunker) Von Olnhausen. He married Arlene Murray Jan. 20, 1951, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Dixie and Jimmy Collins of Sturgis; two sons, Douglas Von Olnhausen and James Von Olnhausen, both of Sturgis; five grandchildren, Keith Ballard of Kendallville, Kevin Ballard of Cromwell, Ryan Von Olnhausen of Mottville, Mich., Jamie Von Olnhausen of Sturgis and Amilie Cossart; five great-grandchildren, Sierra Ballard, Ashley Ballard, Kyle Ballard, Kaleb Ballard and Christofer Ballard; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Shirley and Dennis Sturgis, Jeanette and Donald Bryie and Dorothy Fennell.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Katheryn Scheetz and Elna Gould; and two brothers, Carl Von Olnhausen and Stanley Von Olnhausen.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville. The Revs. Clarence Combs and Jimmy Collins will officiate.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home in Sturgis.

Memorials are to Five Corners Baptist Church.

David Tibbits

TOPEKA — David J. Tibbits Sr., 46, died Friday, April 26, 2002, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Tibbits worked in the shipping and receiving department of the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Goshen. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He lived in Topeka for two years, moving there from Melon, Wis., where he was a member of VFW Post 02273.

Mr. Tibbits

He was born Sept. 8, 1955, in Oklahoma City, to John J. and Tessie (Prestil) Tibbits.

Surviving are two sons, David J. Tibbits Jr. of Kendallville and Matt Tibbits of Winter, Wis.; a daughter, Amber Moore of Appleton, Wis.; two grandchildren, Devon J. Tibbits and Bryce A. Moore; and three brothers, Doug Tibbits of Wolcottville, Tom Tibbits of Topeka and Don Tibbits of Stoughton Wis.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Holy Rosary Church in Melon. Burial will be in Cayuga Cemetery in Cayuga, Wis.

Calling is two hours prior to services at the church. Local calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

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ters and brothers-in-law, Joella and Darrell Sturgill of Carey, Ohio, Madonna and Don Whipple of Wolcottville and Sharon and Larry Tyree of Tiffin, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Taylor.

Services were April 19 at Turner-Eagle Funeral Home in Tiffin, Ohio. Brother Jim Wyatt officiated. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Fred Savieo

NEW HAVEN — Fred J. Savieo, 75, died Monday, April 29, 2002, at home.

Mr. Savieo worked as a repairman at International Harvester, retiring in 1975 after 30 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was born in Monroeville.

Surviving are a daughter, Debra Prichard of New Haven; a son, Gregory Savieo of New Haven; two brothers, Walter D. Savieo of Rome City and Louis T. Savieo of Payne, Ohio; a sister, Frieda Gerardot of New Haven; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ada Eunie Savieo, who died in 1983.

Mass of Christian Burial is 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Haven. Burial will be in St. Rose Catholic Cemetery in Monroeville. The VFW Post 2457 and American Legion Post 330 will perform military graveside rites.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven, with VFW and American Legion calling at 7:30 p.m., rosary at 8:30 p.m. and prayers at 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Robert Rathbun

FREMONT — Robert Wayne Rathbun was stillborn Saturday, April 27, 2002, in Cameron Community Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Surviving are his parents, Daniel and Amy (Terry) Rathbun of Fremont; and his grandparents, Larry and Sue Rathbun of Fremont, and Rod and Marilyn Terry of Stroh.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

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Maralene Smith

AUBURN — Maralene D. Smith, 71, formerly of Corunna, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Smith worked for 12 years at Essex Wire in Auburn and was a homemaker. She was a member of Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in Auburn since 1980, serving as a song leader for 10 years.

She was born Nov. 10, 1930, to an adopted father, John, and her biological mother, Mary Pierson. She married Orley Smith April 3, 1947, in Corunna. Mr. Smith preceded her in death June 22, 1989. She was also preceded in death by a son, Orley R. Smith Jr., who died in 1961.

Mrs. Smith

Surviving are her mother in Quincy, Mich.; four daughters, Cynthia Arnett of Corunna, Kathryn Smith Butler of Waterloo, Sherry E. Smith of Auburn and Kelley J. Likes of Butler; three sons, Matthew D. Smith of Coldwater, Mich., Mark A. Smith of Corunna and Larry K. Smith Sr. of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a brother, Paul Kennedy of Huntington.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in Auburn. The Rev. David Snodderly will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Alice Mooradian

KENDALLVILLE — Alice A. Mooradian, 90, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Formerly of Worcester, Mass., Mrs. Mooradian became a resident of Shepherd of the Hill in August 2001. She was a member of the Armenian Church of Our Savior in Worcester.

She was born May 28, 1911, in Philadelphia, to Stephen and Anna (Essayian) Mirakian. She married Jacob James Mooradian Aug. 29, 1937, in Worcester. Mr. Mooradian preceded her in death March 21, 1971. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth Kabian; and two brothers, Martin Mirakian and Peter Mirakian.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James S. and Alyce Mooradian of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Ken Dunsire of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Stephen J. Mooradian of Clive, Iowa, and Kristian E. Morton of Long Beach, Calif.

Private family services will be held at the Armenian Church of Our Savior in Worcester. Burial will be in Hope Cemetery in Worcester.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of local arrangements.

Raymond Cleveland

ORLAND — Raymond W. Cleveland, 87, died Saturday, April 27, 2002, at LifeCare Center in LaGrange.

Mr. Cleveland worked for Ross Labs, retiring in 1976. He also worked as farmer.

He was born June 4, 1914, in Kosciusko County to William M. and Florence (Reed) Cleveland. He married Clara Dieble Aug. 14, 1965, in LaGrange. She preceded him in death in 1986.

Surviving are four sons, Aldon and Max James Cleveland, both of LaGrange, Larry Cleveland of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Leland Cleveland of Orland; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Rheta and Harley Yoder of Elkhart, Arlene Bennett of LaGrange and Wilma and Gene Foreman of Constantine, Mich.; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Pat and Jim Michael of Atwood and Linda Kelley of Kendallville; and two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Jerry and Barb Burghdoff of Rome City and Terry Burghdoff of Morley, Mich.

Also surviving are a sister, Evelyn Duncan of Sturgis, Mich.; 30 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were at 10 a.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Stephen Altman officiated. Burial was be in Ontario Cemetery.

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David Taylor

KENDALLVILLE — David D. "Scrub" Taylor, 54, died Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Formerly of Wampum, Pa., Mr. Taylor was a press operator at Tower Automotive and a member of Freewill Baptist Church. He lived in Kendallville since 1993.

He was born July 19, 1947, in Whitesburg, Ky., to Tommy W. and Mattie (Thomas) Taylor. He graduated from Whitesburg High School in 1966. He married Carolyn M. Faber Oct. 3, 1997, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, David E. Taylor of Green Springs, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Mark Hill of Attica, Ohio; two stepsons, Todd L. Rizzo of Dunkirk, N.Y., and Chad J. Rizzo of Fredonia, N.Y.; six grandchildren; two brothers, Charles E. Taylor of Auburn and Robert H. Taylor of Wampum; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Joella and Darrell Sturgill of Carey, Ohio, Madonna and Don Whipple of Wolcottville and Sharon and Larry Tyree of Tiffin, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Taylor.

Services were April 19 at Turner-Eagle Funeral Home in Tiffin, Ohio. Brother Jim Wyatt officiated. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

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Nancy Wallace

ALBION – Nancy J. Wallace, 54, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Wallace worked as a registered nurse at McCray Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1992 after 15 years. She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

She was born Feb. 5, 1948, in Evansville to Maurice and Marjone (Krahn) Dorsam. She graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1966 and from St. Joseph School of Nursing in 1969. She married Ted P. Wallace March 6, 1971, in Fort Wayne, He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Dana Wallace of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jennifer Wallace of Washington D. C.; and a granddaughter, Hannah Wallace.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Ann Tieman of Columbia City, who died in 2001.

Services were held at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church on Saturday, April 27, 2002.. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Condolences may be e-mailed to:

sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Ola Kline, 71

LAGRANGE–Ola Fay Kline, 71, of LaGrange died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at her home.

Mrs. Kline was a homemaker.

She was born in Hazard, Ky., on May 8, 1930. On Nov. 8, 1976, she married Frank Kline in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Kline is survived by her husband, Frank; five daughters, Florence McKenzie of Mississippi, Jacqueline Smith of Salem, Ohio, Geraldine Canfield of Chatham, Ohio, Gail Williams of Rome City and Carrie, address unknown; two sons, Elvin Williams of Rome City and Ronnie Williams of Albion; and four brothers, Ishmel and Charles Napier, both of Rome City, and Cleon and Knox Napier, both of Kentucky.

Services were Monday, April 29, 2002 at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Arneda G. Lopshire Fulk, 77

COLUMBIA CITY – Arneda G. Lopshire Fulk, 77, a resident of Columbia City, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002 in Mesa, Arizona at the home of her daughter, Martha Garrison.

She was born July 13, 1924 in Fort Wayne, Indiana a daughter of Joseph Patrick and Martha Rosella Miller Haney. In 1938 her family moved to Smith Township, Whitley County and she graduated from Churubusco High School in 1942.

On June 20, 1942 she was united in marriage to Ralph E. Lopshire. They made their home in Union Township, Whitley County. Mr. Lopshire died in 1953.

On December 27, 1964 she was united in marriage to F. Dale Fulk. They made their home in Union Township. Mr. Fulk died in 1980. In 1996 she moved to her present home in Columbia City.

She was employed as a surgical technician at Parkview Memorial Hospital for 21 years.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Eagles #1906 Auxiliary and Ambassadors Club at Parkview Hospital.

She is survived by a daughter, Martha (Donald) Garrison of Mesa, Arizona; four sons, Paul (Nancy) Lopshire of South Whitley, Lee E. (Vicki) Lopshire of Huntington, Gary (Carolyn) Lopshire of Round Lake and David (Karen) Lopshire of Covington, Georgia; 11 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; two brothers, Joe Haney of Herndon, Virginia and Robert Haney of Columbia City; and two sisters, Arlene Diller of Loon Lake and Hannah Walker of Albion.

She was preceded in death by an infant granddaughter and a brother, John Haney.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, April 27, 2002 at Grace Lutheran Church, with Rev. James Cress, church pastor, officiating. The burial was held in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Native American Heritage Mission Fund in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Veva Carney

LAGRANGE — Veva Evelyn Carney, 82, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, in St. Cloud, Fla.

Formerly of LaGrange, Mrs. Carney was a homemaker.

She was born March 12, 1920, in LaGrange to Glen and Ruth (Minzey) Merriman. She married Frank Carney April 1, 1939, in Goshen. Mr. Carney preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kathy Ann; a great-grandson, Cameron; and a sister, Lois Treffersen.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Sue Carney of LaPalma, Calif., Jon and Betty Carney of Howe and Steve and Maria Carney of St. Cloud; a brother and sister-in-law, Arnold and Jane Merriman of LaGrange; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Edith Broadwell of Half-Moon Bay, Calif., and Bonnie and Ned Walters of LaGrange; and an aunt, Virginia Kilgore of LaGrange.

Services are 1 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Joseph Wickey

MONROE — Joseph H. Wickey was stillborn Monday, April 29, 2002, at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

Surviving are his parents, Lester S. and Edna Mae Wickey of Monroe; his grandparents, Menas A. and Susan Wickey of Homer, Mich., and Joseph K. and Elizabeth Hilty of LaGrange; his great-grandmother, Emma Wickey of Milroy; and six sisters, Susanne H., Saretta H., Rachel H., Miriam H., Christina H. and Dorothy H. Wickey, all of Monroe.

Graveside services were held at Schwartz Cemetery in Monroe.

Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne was in charge of arrangements.

Douglas Reinig

BROOKHAVEN, Miss. — Douglas V. "Snoopy" Reinig, 67, died April 12, 2002, in Brookhaven, Miss.

Mr. Reinig was a retired truck driver with 37 years of service. He moved to Brookhaven in 1994 from Butler.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a member of the Macedonian Baptist Church in Brookhaven.

He was born May 27, 1934, in Pleasant Lake to Victor and Catherine (Traxler) Reinig.

He married Carol Steward on July 16, 1955, and she survives.

Also surviving are six sons, Steve, Jim, Gary, Chris and Charles Reinig, all of Indiana, and Robert Reinig of Florida; two daughters, Vicki Reddig of Auburn and Theresa Day of Wolcottville; three brothers, Al Reinig of Churubusco, Wayne Reinig of Ohio and Thomas Reinig of North Carolina; two sisters, Dorothy Masters of Indianapolis and Margaret Russell of Churubusco; 22 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

One son, Dennis Reinig, two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Coburn Corners Church of Christ, 6813 County Road 64, St. Joe.

A funeral service was held April 15 in Brookhaven Chapel Funeral Home. Burial was in Macedonian Baptist Church Cemetery in Brookhaven with military honors.

Maurice Shafer

GARRETT— Maurice E. "Morrie" Shafer, 80, died Monday, April 29, 2002, at 7:44 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Shafer was a bartender at the Garrett Eagles Lodge for 15 years, retiring in 1983, and was a lifetime resident of Garrett. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Garrett Eagles and Garrett Elks lodges.

Mr. Shafer

He was born Sept. 16, 1921, in Garrett to O.T. and Irene (Weaver) Shafer.

He married Nelda N. Kees on Feb. 15, 1945, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving two sons, Bob Shafer of Garrett and Dave Shafer of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Linda Nance of Auburn and Mary Shafer of Garrett; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, John Shafer, Harold Shafer and Tom Shafer, and one sister, Mary Catherine Johnson, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Jim Shafer will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Gale Wertman

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Gale L. Wertman, 57, died Saturday, April 27, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a self-employed contractor and was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Paula Wertman; a daughter, Ann Sullivan of Fort Wayne; a son, Matthew Wertman of Leo-Cedarville; a sister, Barbara Hyre of Spencerville; three brothers, Max Wertman of Leo-Cedarville, Gerry Wertman of Avilla and Roger Wertman of Sturgis, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to Harvest Free Will Baptist Church or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Raymond Stabler

MILLERSBURG — Raymond L. Stabler, 82, died Monday, April 29, 2002, at home in Millersburg.

Mr. Stabler retired from Carriage RV Industries of Millersburg. He also worked at Wilson Feed Mill in Millersburg, Ditto's Cold Storage Lock and Rohrer's Furniture & Undertaking in New Paris. He also drove a milk truck for Burger Dairy in New Paris and was a driver for Jesse's Sunoco in Millersburg.

He attended New Heights Baptist Church in Fort Wayne and Goshen Evangelical Church in Goshen. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and was a 1937 graduate of New Paris High School. Mr. Stabler served in the military as a radio operator with the 36th Inv. Division.

He was born May 24, 1919, in Elkhart County to Arnold F. and Emma Blanche (Wilkinson) Stabler. He married Pearl Berdine Longcor Dec. 31, 1939.

He was preceded in death by his wife and a granddaughter, Karen Stabler.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lola and Weldon Hull of Goshen and Wanda and Leal Everett of Ligonier; two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Sherry Stabler of Bristol and John and Debra Stabler of Ligonier; a brother, Lester W. Stabler of North Webster; a sister and brother-in-law, Ruby and Welcome Hall of Lakeland, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home. The Rev. Gary Lovens of New Heights Baptist Church and the Rev. Mitch Hile of Goshen Evangelical Church will officiate. Burial will be in Brown Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Laura Oakley

HOWE — Laura M. Oakley, 99, died Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Oakley worked in the housekeeping department of the LaGrange County Hospital, retiring in 1974. She was a member of Brighton Chapel and Order of the Eastern Star Sylvan Chapter 251. She lived in LaGrange County since 1930.

Mrs. Oakley

She was born May 19, 1902, in Morgan County, Ky., to Floyd and Martha (Ratliff) Lewis. She married Robert L. Oakley Sr. Oct. 22, 1920, in Lenox, Ky. He preceded her in death Jan. 29, 1969. She was also preceded in death by a son, William J. Oakley; a daughter, Roberta Kimble; and a stepson, Johnson Oakley.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and Delbert Harp of LaGrange; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert L. Oakley Jr. and Jon K. "Jack" and Elizabeth Oakley, all of Howe; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Betty and Roy Hubble of Mishawaka; a sister, Anna Honaker of Wolcottville; 15 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Brighton Chapel. The Rev. Rodney Schuler and Pastor Jeremy Helmuth will officiate. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Brighton Chapel.

Celeste Springer

FORT WAYNE — Celeste B. Springer, 86, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at her home in Cathedral City, Calif.

Mrs. Springer worked as a waitress for 50 years.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are three daughters, Susan Bremer of Avilla, Sandra Lee of El Monte, Calif., and Sally Stewart of Mendocino, Calif.; two sons, Stanley and Steven Springer, both of Cathedral City; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marjorie Bennett of New Haven.

Services were in Cathedral City. Burial will be at a later date in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society of Palm Desert, Calif.

Arrangements are by Wiefels Mortuary Chapel, Palm Springs, Calif.

Harry Miller Jr.

WARSAW — Harry Miller Jr., 83, died Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw.

He worked as an auctioneer and as a truck driver for JC Manufacturing in North Webster.

He was born in LaGrange.

Surviving are his wife, D'Maris M. Miller; two daughters, Ruth Ann Weymouth of Owensville and Janet Miller of Goshen; a son, Harry L. Miller of Decatur; a stepdaughter, Deanna Myers of Warsaw; two stepsons, Bruce Kuhn of Arcadia, Fla., and Paul J. Kuhn of Silver Lake; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ilogene Hill and Juanita Stahl, both of Goshen, and Mary Carpenter of Nashville, Mich.; and a brother, Everett Miller of LaGrange.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel in Syracuse. Burial will be in North Webster Cemetery.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, with Masonic services at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to North Webster EMS or New Salem Church of the Brethren.

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Katherine McCool

WINONA LAKE — Katherine Ann McCool, 62, died Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. McCool was a homemaker.

She was born in Pierceton.

Surviving are her husband, William Raymond McCool; two sons, William Raymond McCool Jr. and David Everett, both of Warsaw; a daughter, Diane Farmer of Pierceton; three grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Philip Sensibaugh of Churubusco and Clayton Sensibaugh of Ligonier; and a sister, Korean Holmes of Ligonier.

Graveside services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Hillcrest Cemetery in Pierceton.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association in Indianapolis.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Mildred J. Heign** were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. The Rev. Paul Griebel officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were Jonathan and Joseph Barkow, Jerry Jansen and Matthew, Peter, Paul, Rebekah and Timothy Seng.

CORUNNA — Services for **Ethel Ziebell** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zion Lutheran West Fairfield Church in Corunna. The Rev. Al Wingfield and Vicars Jim Elsner and Doug Bauman officiated.

Burial was in Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Pallbearers were Bradford, Zane, Cindy and Kent Ziebell, Dawn Neuman and Roger Krehl.

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Hattie Mavis

KENDALLVILLE — Hattie M. Mavis, 93, died this morning, May 3, 2002, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.

She was a housewife and formerly employed at the Redwood Drive-In and the Breakfast House. Before entering Hickory Creek she had been a resident of the Lamplighter for several years.

She was born Dec. 11, 1908, in Milford to Fred and Carrie Nesbitt. She married O. V. Elsworth Mavis Oct. 23, 1926. He preceded her in death Jan. 31, 1967.

A daughter, a grandson, a great-great-grandson, two brothers and two sisters also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Robert Mavis of Kendallville; a daughter, Phyllis Wood of Kendallville; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren. Steve Stout, who was also raised by Mrs. Mavis, resides in Holiday, Fla.

Graveside services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Lake View Cemetery.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Billie Feasel

ALBION — Billie Joe Feasel, 76, died Thursday, May 2, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Services are pending at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur.

Services Held

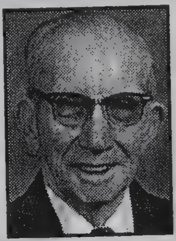
AUBURN — Services for **Maralene D. Smith** were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in Auburn. The Rev. David Snodderly officiated. Burial was in Corunna Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mark and Matthew Smith, David Forker, Keith Likes, Larry Smith Jr. and Rex Meshberger.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2002

Robert Moore

ALBION — Robert H. Moore, 84, of Albion, died at 8:40 a.m. Friday, May 3, 2002, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville.

In Newayco County, Mich., on Sept. 8, 1917, he was born to Williard and Susanna (Fischer) Moore. He married Evelyn Norris on May 27, 1939, in Albion. She survives.


Mr. Moore

Mr. Moore lived in Noble County over 75 years and was a monument salesman for Patton Monument for over 50 years, a farmer, a Moorsman Feed salesman and an Albion Township trustee for 24 years.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion and an avid fisherman.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia White and Norman Bolinger of Topeka, Nila and David Davis of Albion, and Ann and Gary Uhl of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Sandy Moore of Albion; a son, Robert D. Moore of Rome City; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Eldon Diehm of Avilla; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

His parents, four sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Gene Rohrer officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion and one hour prior to the services at the church on Monday.

Preferred memorials are to the Trinity United Methodist Church Driveway Fund.

Mary Shell

TOPEKA — Mary Aphedene Shell, 83, of Topeka, died Thursday, May 2, 2002, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

On Feb. 15, 1919, in Oxford, Ind., she was born to Claude E. and Garnette R. (Edwards) Rhoades. She married Donald L. Shell on Sept. 13, 2001, in Crown Point. He preceded her in death on May 26, 2001.

She was a member of Bible Baptist Church and liked to crochet.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Jane Alice and John Myers of Michigan City, Gail Ruth and Garry Stewart of Topeka, and Dawn Mary and Jason Cummins of Goshen; two brothers, Ethmer Rhoades of Winamac, and Herman Rhoades of Philadelphia; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A daughter, Ellen Kay Shell, a brother, Charles Rhoades, a granddaughter, her parents and husband preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Topeka Baptist Church at North and Main streets, Topeka, with the Rev. Paul Maynard and the Rev. Allen Holmes officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Calumet Park, Crown Point.

Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Oak Leaf Nursing Home, Ligonier.

Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Arthur 'Bud' Leamon

CROMWELL — Arthur B. "Bud" Leamon, 78, of Cromwell, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, at 4:45 a.m. in V.A. Northern Indiana Health Care System at Marion.

Mr. Leamon

Mr. Leamon served as a judge in Cromwell for 30 years. He worked as a machine repairman at Dana Corp.

He graduated from Cromwell High School and served in the U.S. Army as a corporal from 1942-45 in World War II.

He was a member of American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier and the Cromwell Fire Department.

He was born July 8, 1923, in Noble County to Harrison and Edna (Derdorf) Leamon.

He married Mable Hackworth Leamon on March 25, 1947, in Prestonburg, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Arthur "Butch" and Carol Leamon of Ligonier; one brother, Max Leamon of Syracuse; one sister, Thelma Hickman of Albion; two grandchildren, Chris and Shawn Leamon; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Terrel, Keith, [illegible] and Lloyd Leamon, and three sisters, Louise Mains, Myrill Burns and Bennie Joesuch.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier. The Rev. James Archambeault and the Rev. William Parks will officiate.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell with military graveside services.

Calling is Monday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the V.A. or the Cromwell Fire Department.

Betty Felger

AVILLA — Betty A. Felger, 79, of Avilla, died Friday, May 3, 2002, at 5 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Felger had lived in Avilla for the past 7 1/2 years, after moving from Orland.

She was born May 11, 1922, in Bryant, Ind., to Charles and Anna A. (Penrod) Fix.

She spent her early years in Fort Wayne and graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1940.

On June 12, 1943, she married Joseph A. Felger. They owned and operated Felger's Market in Huntertown from 1956 to 1974. Mrs. Felger took geriatics training in 1960.

She was a member of Beacon Light Chapel in Churubusco and Order of the Eastern Star chapter 388 in Huntertown.

Her husband preceded her in death on Nov. 21, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Edwin Gordon of Huntertown and Valerie and Alan Glessner of Avilla; two sons and daughters-in-law, R. Michael and Brenda Felger of Warren and Craig A. and Cindy Felger of Warsaw; eight grandchilden and seven great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, four sisters, a brother and two grandsons.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Robert McNary, pastor of Beacon Light Chapel, will officiate. Interment will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Beacon Light Chapel. Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Robert Jennings

GRABILL — Robert L. Jennings, 82, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, at 10 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jennings was a lifetime farmer in Wilmington Township of DeKalb County, near Butler. He also worked 15 years for Warner Gear in Auburn, retiring in 1980.

He belonged to the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in rural Butler.

He was born Sept. 7, 1919 in DeKalb County to Nelson and Leota (Boyd) Jennings.

He married Marguerite McCabe Jennings on Sept. 2, 1978. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert L. Jennings Jr. and Deanna Jennings of Leo, and Gary N. and Sandy Jennings of Asheville, N.C.; a stepson and his wife, Jack and Kathe McCabe of Louisville, Ky.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and David Prosser of Butler and Janet and Roger Fisher of Leesburg; 11 grandchilden and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kennith Jennings, and a sister, Alice Holman.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home at Waterloo. The Rev. Tony Brooks will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Callins is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Aaliyah Carteaux

KENDALLVILLE — Aaliyah Marie Carteaux died Saturday, May 4, 2002, at 12:17 a.m., shortly after her birth, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born to David and Connie Carteaux of Kendallville.

Surviving along with her parents are a half-sister, Mary Terry, a half-brother, Justin Terry, and a stepsister, Rhonda Cole, all of Kendallville; a maternal grandmother, Bonnie J. Smith of Knott County, Kentucky; and paternal grandparents, Russ and Nelle Carteaux of Avilla.

Graveside services will be held Monday at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville. The Rev. Sam Sawyer and Birtchel Mosley will officiate.

There will be no calling. Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Reed Fry

WOLCOTTVILLE — Reed James Fry was stillborn Friday, May 3, 2002, at 2:06 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his parents, William Scott Fry and Stacey Jean Reed, both of Wolcottville; his grandparents, William and Wanda Fry of Burr Oak, Mich., and Shane and Connie Reed of Mongo; great-grandparents Kenneth and Gaythel Hall of Mongo and John Reed of Hueysville, Ky.; and a great-great grandmother, Eula Hall of Mongo.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Springfield Township Cemetery at Mongo. The Rev. Randall Evans will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Russell Guiff

PLEASANT LAKE — Russell L. Guiff, 85, of Pleasant Lake, died Friday, May 3, 2002, at Angola.

Mr. Guiff was a lifetime farmer, retiring in 1991. He also worked for American Hoist Co. for 10 years, retiring in 1967. He was a member of First Mennoite Church.

He was born Nov. 27, 1916, in Allen County.

He married Mary C. (Roderick) Guiff on Nov. 23, 1963, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Joseph Guiff of Avon; a daughter, Jane Kennedy of Angola; a brother, Harry Guiff of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Two sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Mennonite Church, 1215 St. Mary's Ave., Fort Wayne.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, MAY 6, 2002

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.

Aaliyah Carteaux

KENDALLVILLE — Aaliyah Marie Carteaux was stillborn Saturday, May 4, 2002, at 12:17 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born to David and Connie Carteaux of Kendallville.

Surviving along with her parents are a half-sister, Mary Terry, a half-brother, Justin Terry, and a stepsister, Rhonda Cole, all of Kendallville; a maternal grandmother, Bonnie J. Smith of Knott County, Ky.; and paternal grandparents, Russ and Nelle Carteaux of Avilla.

A brother, Zachary L. Carteaux, preceded her in death.

Graveside services were 11 a.m. today at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. The Rev. Sam Sawyer and Birtchel Mosley officiated.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Andrew Stoltz

HUNTINGTON — Andrew Bernard "Andy" Stoltz, 92, died Sunday, May 5, 2002, at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

The Huntington native worked in maintenance at HK Porter, Huntington.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Stoltz; two sons, Donald Lee Stoltz of Albion and Gerald E. Stoltz of Huntington; two daughters, Jean Ann Buzzard of Huntington and Janet Berghoff of Fort Wayne; 19 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Huntington. Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Huntington.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, Huntington, with a rosary said at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses in care of the funeral home.

Judith Probst

KENDALLVILLE — Judith S. Probst died Sunday, May 5, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Virgil Yoder

TOPEKA — Virgil Yoder, 60, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, at home.

He was a factory worker at Starcraft R.V.

He was born July 5, 1941, in LaGrange to Alvin L. and Mary Ann (Miller) Yoder. His mother survives. On May 27, 1999, in Monroe, he married Mary Schwartz, who survives.

Also surviving are five sisters and brothers-in-law, Irma and Raymond Miller of Millersburg, Catherine and Marvin Schrock of Wolcottville, Mary and Henry Graber and Wilma and Neal Graber, all of LaGrange, and Phyllis and Mervin Yoder of Topeka; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, Wilber and Barbara Yoder and Perry and Amanda Yoder, all of Topeka, Richard and Viola Yoder of Shipshewana, Levi and Pauline Yoder of Millersburg, Vernon and Cindy Yoder of Howe and Olen Yoder of LaGrange; and 74 nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his father; a brother, Orval Yoder; and two nephews; and two wives, Anna Mae Yoder and Clara (Hochstetler) Yoder.

Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Jake Eash residence, 7675S — 300W. Bishop Elroy Miller and the Home Ministry will officiate. Burial will be at Clearspring Cemnetery on C.R 300W.

Calling is all day today at Mr. Yoder's home, 7630S C.R 300W.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Judith Probst

KENDALLVILLE — Judith S. Probst, 63, died Sunday, May 5, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Probst was named Kendallville Citizen of the Year in 1976. She was the director of the Ladies of Kiwanis Meals in Motion program, treasurer of the Silk Stockings Stock Club, an Election Day precinct inspector, a Bible study leader and a former member of the Community Concert Association board of directors. She also served the community as a student music competition accompanist.

Mrs. Probst

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, where she served as organist and sang in the choir since 1960. She received from the church in 1994 an award of service recognition. She was also the organist at Shepherd of the Hill's church services.

She was born March 4, 1939, in Pekin, Ill., to Henry and Ethel Hilda (Zimmer) Hamann. She married Robert Probst Dec. 27, 1959, in Pekin. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Michael Emmons of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven Robert Probst and Andrea Jones of Valparaiso; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Loretta Smith of Bend, Ore., and Barbara and George VanFossen of Alama, Calif.; three granddaughters, Charis Hunter and Jillian Hunter of Kendallville and Megan Emmons of New Haven; and a grandson, Michael Emmons of New Haven.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church. The Revs. Paul Griebel and Robert Shriner will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church and St. John Lutheran School.

Charles Wolfe

FORT WAYNE — Charles R. Wolfe, 88, died April 29 at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Fla.

Mr. Wolfe retired from the Fort Wayne Police Department in 1962 after 22 years of service.

He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth E. Wolfe; a son, Leon Wolfe of Largo, Fla., and Pretty Lake; a half brother, Dr. John Wolfe of Atlanta; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held in Fort Wayne at a later date.

The National Cremation Society in Largo, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Police Athletic League.

Catherine Graft

FORT WAYNE — Catherine M. Graft, 92, died Monday, May 6, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Graft worked for Magnavox in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1975 after 40 years.

She was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and the Magnavox Quarter Century Club. She also was a member of the church's Rosary Solidarity.

Graft

She was born June 16, 1909, in Huntertown, to Arthur Alden and Cora May (Kniss) Hatch. She was raised in Huntertown and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1927.

She married Walther Lentz in 1929. He preceded her in death in 1931. Later she married former Fort Wayne assistant fire chief Maine Graft, who preceded her in death in 1979.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Howard K. Hatch, and a sister, Ruth Ellen Hatch.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Ruth Linn and Earl Stricker of Fort Wayne and Mary and Lowell Ringel of Lagro; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John Graft of Fort Wayne and Homer and Opal Leitz of Shawnee, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Saturday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Father John Pfister will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery near Huntertown.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and 9-10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Inc., Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Bonnie Price

FORT WAYNE — Bonnie J. Price, 55, died Tuesday, May 7, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and was born in Seward, Neb.

Surviving are her husband, Asa Price; two sons, Chad Price and Michael Price, both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Julie Kruger of Wolcottville and Kristina Smith of Fort Wayne; several brothers and sisters; and eight grandchildren.

Graveside services are 1 p.m. Friday at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne. No calling.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Arthur 'Bud' Leamon, 78

CROMWELL–Arthur B. "Bud" Leamon, 78, of Cromwell, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, at 4:45 a.m., in V. A. Northern Indiana Health Care System at Marion.

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He graduated from Cromwell High School and served in the U. S. Army as a corporal from 1942-45 in World War II.

He was a member of American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier and the Cromwell Fire Department.

He was born July 8, 1923, in Noble County to Harrison and Edna (Derdorf) Leamon.

He married Mable Hackworth Leamon on March 25, 1947, in Prestonburg, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Arthur "Butch" and Carol Leamon of Ligonier; one brother, Max Leamon of Syracuse; one sister, Thelma Hickman of Albion; two grandchildren, Chris and Shawn Leamon; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Pat, Terrel, Keith, and Lloyd Leamon, and three sisters, Louise Mains, Myrill Burns and Bennie Joesuch.

Services were held on Tuesday, May 7, 2002 in Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier. The Rev. James Archambeault and the Rev. William Parks will officiate.

Burial was in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell with military graveside services.

Memorials are to the V. A. or the Cromwell Fire Department.

Robert Moore

ALBION – Robert H. Moore, 84, of Albion, died at 8:40 a.m. Friday, May 3, 2002, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville.

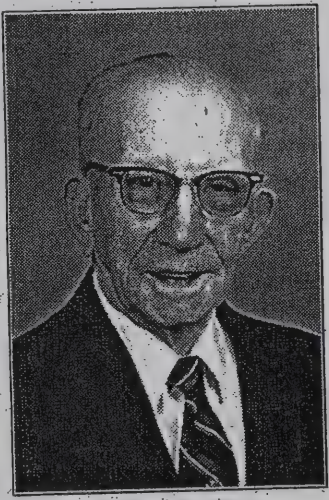
In Newayco County, Mich., on Sept. 8, 1917, he was born to Willard and Susanna (Fischer) Moore. He married Evelyn Norris on May 27, 1939, in Albion. She survives.

Mr. Moore lived in Noble County over 75 years and was a monument salesman for Patton Monument for over 50 years, a farmer, a Moorsman Feed salesman and an Albion township trustee for 24 years.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion and an avid fisherman.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia White and Norman Bolinger of Topeka, Nila and David Davis of Albion, and Ann and Gary Uhl of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Sandy Moore of Albion; a son, Robert D. Moore of Rome City; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Eldon Diehm of Avilla; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

His parents, four sisters and a brother preceded him in death.



Robert H. Moore

Services were held on Monday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion on Monday, May 6, 2002 with the Rev. Gene Rohrer officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Preferred memorials are to the Trinity United Methodist Church Driveway Fund.

Judith S. Probst

KENDALLVILLE – Judith S. Probst, 63, died Sunday, May 5, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

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She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, where she served as organist and sang in the choir since 1960. She received from the church in 1994 an award of service recognition. She was also the organist at Shepherd of the Hill's church services.

Surviving are her husband, Robert; a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Michael Emmons of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven Robert Probst and Andrea Jones of Valparaiso; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Loretta Smith of Bend, Ore., and Barbara and George VanFossen of Alamo, Calif.; and three granddaughters, Charis Hunter and Jillian Hunter of Kendallville and Megan Emmons of New Haven; and a grandson, Michael Emmons of New Haven.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Revs. Paul Griebel and Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is one hour before services and from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church and School.

Judith S. Probst

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Catherine Graft

FORT WAYNE -- Catherine M. Graft, 92, a resident of Fort Wayne and also of Skinner Lake near Albion, died at 1:50 p.m. Monday, May 6, 2002, at her residence in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for the past ten months following a stroke.

Mrs. Graft was born on June 16, 1909 in Huntertown, a daughter of Arthur Alden and Cora May Kniss Hatch. Her formative years were spent in Huntertown, and she graduated from Huntertown High School in 1927.

In 1929 she was married to Walther Leitz, and he preceded her in death in 1931. She was later married to former Fort Wayne assistant fire chief Maine Graft. The couple spent most of their married lives in Fort Wayne. He died in 1979.

She was employed as a tester at Magnavox in Fort Wayne, retiring from there in 1975 after 40 years of service.

A member of the Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, she was also a member of its Rosary Sodality, and the Magnavox Quarter Century Club.

The surviving relatives include two daughters, Ruth (husband, Earl Stricker) Linn of Fort Wayne, and Mary (husband, Lowell) Ringel of Lagro; two sons, John Graft of Fort Wayne and Homer (wife, Opal) Leitz of Shawnee, Okla.; ten grandchildren, 26 grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1600 W. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, with Father John Pfister, the celebrant.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Friday from 2-4 and from 6-8 p.m., or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery, northwest of Huntertown.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, Inc., 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Condolences may be emailed to sympathy@sheets funeral home. com.

THE NEWS-SUN THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2002

Harley Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Harley J. Yoder, 63, died Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at home.

A lifelong resident of the Shipshewana area, Mr. Yoder worked at Miller Carriage in Shipshewana and served as a minister for 38 years. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born May 28, 1938, in Shipshewana to Jerry and Mary (Mast) Yoder. He married Katie Slabach May 21, 1959, in Shipshewana. She survives there.

Also surviving are his mother in Shipshewana; four daughters and sons-in-law, Velda Jean and David Wingard, Karen Sue and Wayne Miller and Linda Lou and Wayne Troyer, all of Shipshewana, and Marilyn Kay and Phil Miller of LaGrange; two sons and a daughter-in-law, DeWayne Ray Yoder and Kenneth Lee and Joan Yoder, all of Goshen; 27 grandchildren; and five brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Amanda Yoder of Shipshewana, David and Jan Yoder, Melvin and Helen Yoder and Lloyd and Katie Yoder, all of Middlebury, and Jerry Jr. and Edna Yoder of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ida Fern Yoder, who died Oct. 1, 1994; a brother, John Yoder; and a sister, Ida Miller.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Wayne and Karen Sue Miller residence in Shipshewana. Bishop LeRoy Miller and Rev. Myron Miller will officiate. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling is after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS-SUN FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2002

Erna Fenker

LAPORTE — Erna Elizabeth Kretzmann Fenker, 92, died Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at Hamilton Communities in New Carlisle.

Mrs. Fenker was a lifelong active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in LaPorte. She was also a member of the Walther League Chorus and created and led a Bible study. She also did volunteer work at the church and LaPorte Hospital.

She was born Feb. 23, 1910, in Kendallville to the Rev. Martin and Elizabeth (Wessel) Kretzmann. She married Arthur M. Fenker in August 1934. He preceded her in death March 14, 1980.

Three brothers, Martin, Alfred and Gerhard Kretzmann, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Elizabeth Fenker of Candler, N.C.; two sons, John A. Fenker of Vancouver, Wash., and Paul G. Fenker of LaPorte; four granddaughters, Allison N. Hedges and Rachel L., Victoria A. and Vanessa A. Fenker; and a sister, Elfrieda Sudhoff of Pekin, Ill.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church in LaPorte. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. today at Cutler Funeral Home, LaPorte, and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the LaPorte Hospital Foundation, St. John's Lutheran Church building fund for handicap accessibility or the St. John's Fenker Scholarship Fund.

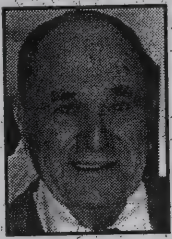
THE NEWS-SUN | SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2002

Arvil Denney

KIMMELL — Arvil P. Denney, 89, died Friday, May 10, 2002, at Kingston of Ligonier.

Mr. Denney was a dairy farmer who lived in the Kimmell area for 74 years. He was a Washington Township 4-H leader, enjoyed playing the banjo for his family and friends and was also a member of the Broadway Quartet. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of Berean Baptist Church in Albion.

He was born Oct. 20, 1912, in Pulaski County, Ky., to David and Oma (Robinson) Denney. He married Ruth M. Deardorff Aug. 8, 1935, in Lawrenceburg. She preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Thelma John and Opal Osborne.


Mr. Denney

Surviving are a son, Everett Rex Denney of Kendallville; a daughter, Sandra Carole Huntsman of Albion; a sister, Zella Underwood of Kimmell; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Rev. Doug Keenan will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ron Croy

FORT WAYNE — Ronald E. "Ron" Croy, 47, died Thursday, May 9, 2002, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Warsaw, Mr. Croy was a computer graphic designer, known as a "computer whiz" who graduated with honors from International Business College. He was a member of Grace Point Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne. He also enjoyed photography.

Surviving are his parents, Herman and Doris Croy of Fort Wayne; and three sisters, Janet Jeffries of Fort Wayne, Joanne White of Woodburn and Robin Angler of Van Wert, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Croy, who died in 1955.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Grace Point Church of the Nazarene, 8611 Mayhew Road. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Grace Point Youth Ministries.

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William Macomber, former F&W president, dies at 69

FORT WAYNE — William A. Macomber, 69, former president of Flint & Walling Manufacturing Co., died Monday, May 6, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Originally from Indianapolis, Mr. Macomber was the owner, president and CEO of G&L Corp. He also worked for IBM Corp. and Aro Manufacturing Co. in Bryan, Ohio.

Mr. Macomber

In October 1965, he took a job with Flint & Walling Manufacturing Co., a longtime Kendallville producer of water pumps, eventually becoming president of the company a few years later. He served as president until 1979. Both his father, William H. Macomber, and grandfather, Herbert H. Macomber, preceded him as president of Flint & Walling.

He graduated from Cornell University with a master's degree in electrical engineering and served in the U.S. Army as an engineer at the Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. He was a member of the Culver Legion and the National Young Presidents Association. He was also a past director of Lincoln National Bank and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

Surviving are his wife, Elise Macomber; a daughter, Martha Leader of Clarendon Hills, Ill.; a son, Bradford A. Macomber; two brothers, Herbert H. Macomber of LaGrange, Ga., and Marshall A. Macomber of Indianapolis; a sister, Janet Raynor of Bryn Mawr, Pa.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister.

Private family services were Thursday. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic or the Culver Academies.

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Hannah Grace and Hailey Nicole Swander

AVILLA — Hannah Grace and Hailey Nicole Swander, infants, both died Friday, May 10, 2002, shortly after birth in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Surviving are parents, Matthew and Lisa (Lawson) Swander of Avilla; paternal grandparents, Terry and Roberta Good of Albion; paternal grandfather, Larry Swander of Albion; paternal great-grandmother Mildred Tarlton of Albion; maternal grandparents Steve and Raye Pierce of Kendallville; maternal grandfather, Mike Lawson of Kendallville; and maternal great-grandmother, Joyce Osborn of Kendallville.

The infants were preceded in death by one paternal great-grandfather, Peck Tarlton.

Graveside services are Monday at 11 a.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Benny Archer officiating. Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Apostolic Youth Camp or the Avilla Fire Department.

Grace Hawkins

CROMWELL — Grace D. Hawkins, 93, of Cromwell died Friday, May 10, 2002 at 7:57 a.m. in Goshen Central Hospital.

She was a retired laborer for Essex Wire.

Mrs. Hawkins was a life member of American Legion Post 243 Ladies Auxiliary and the Eagles Lodge of Ligonier.

She was born July 13, 1908 at Salt Lick, Ky., to James and Nannie (Powers) Daniels.

Her husband Paul Hawkins preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Roberta Ostrander of Cromwell, and Lucille Moser of Ligonier; and daughter and son-in-law, Loretta and Bud Hawn of Cromwell; 14 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, 14 great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Marlan Fugate; two brothers; and two grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home at Ligonier with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmel.

Calling is Monday from 4-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 243.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002

Ronald Fanslau

HARRISON, Mich. — Ronald G. Fanslau, 51, died Friday, May 10, 2002, at home.

A lifelong resident of Clare County, Mich., Mr. Fanslau served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971 to 1975. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, spending time on the farm and nature.

He was born June 2, 1950, in Clare, Mich., to Robert A. and Maggie E. (Miller) Fanslau. He married Kelly Brock Aug. 16, 1985, on Mackinaw Island, Mich. She survives in Harrison, Mich.

Also surviving are a daughter, Michelle Fanslau of Kendallville; a son, Kyle Fanslau of Harrison; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Pearl Fanslau of Harrison and Frederick and Kate Fanslau of Britton, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Eileen and Paul Brubaker of Gladwin, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were today at First Congregational Church in Harrison. The Rev. Dr. James Harwood officiated. Burial was in Hamilton Township Cemetery in Harrison.

Stocking Funeral Home in Harrison is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Mid-Michigan Hospice or First Congregational Church.

Marguerite Kaufman

MUNCIE — Marguerite A. Kaufman, 99, died Friday, May 10, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Kaufman was born Jan. 15, 1903, in Millgrove, to Austin B. and Edna B. (Seaman) Smith. She graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1921. She married the Rev. Edward Earnest Kaufman, who served as pastor at United Methodist Churches, including those in Valentine, Howe, Wakarusa, Warren, Sheridan, Union City and Bluffton.

Mr. Kaufman served as superintendent of the church's Muncie District, where he and Mrs. Kaufman resided. The couple also resided in Elkhart and Kendallville. He preceded her in death in 1976.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles F. and Joyce Kaufman of Muncie; three grandsons and granddaughters-in-law, Kim E. and Dianna Kaufman of Houston, Gregory L. and Arian Kaufman of Houston and Richard C. and Diane Kaufman of Muncie; three great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; several nephews and nieces; and a caregiver, Wilda Slaven.

Services are 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Meeks Mortuary Chapel in Muncie. Bishop Dr. R. Sheldon Duecker, the Rev. David Heim, senior pastor of Gethsemane United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Jack Hartman, senior pastor of High Street United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery in Dunkirk.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the United Methodist Church or donor's choice.

Robert Fredrick

HUNTERTOWN — Robert Fredrick of rural Huntertown died Sunday, May 12, 2002, at home.

Among survivors is his wife, Doris (Stonebraker) Fredrick.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Ardola Christlieb

HARTFORD CITY — Ardola A. Christlieb, 68, died Sunday, May 12, 2002, at Americare Living Center.

Mrs. Christlieb was born in Auburn and was a homemaker.

Surviving are three sons, Bobby Christlieb of Fort Wayne and Calvin and Steven Christlieb, both of Kendallville; two brothers, Dale Eugene Purdy of Mesa, Ariz., and Rick Purdy of Auburn; two sisters, Maxine Henson of Fort Wayne and Barbara Lou Gauthier of Las Vegas; and several grandchildren.

Services are 4 p.m. Wednesday at Glancy Funeral Home Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Burial will be in Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier.

Calling is three hours prior to services.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Judith S. Probst** were 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. The Revs. Paul Griebel and Robert Shriner officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ray Scott, Dave Langwell, Len Judt, Keith Hart, Hal Stroh, Mike, David and Matt Van Fossen and Brian Smith.

Robert Fredrick

HUNTERTOWN — Robert Fredrick, 79, died Sunday, May 12, 2002, at home in rural Huntertown.

Mr. Fredrick was a lifelong resident of the same farm in Perry Township in Allen County. He worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne for 25 years. He retired from McJon Photography inFort Wayne in 1984.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, participating in military operations at Normandy, France, and in central Europe. He attended Huntertown United Methodist Church and was a member of the Huntertown VFW Post.

Mr. Fredrick

He was born in Perry Township Sept. 22, 1922, to Arley and Ada (Maxfield) Fredrick. He was educated in Huntertown Schools.

Following his discharge from the military, he married Doris Stonebraker Sept. 21, 1946, in Churubusco. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, June and Terry Ostermeier and Amy and Lynn Zehr, all of Huntertown; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Karen Fredrick of Wolcottville and Jack and Lori Fredrick of Huntertown; a sister, Geraldine Fredrick of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cindy L. Fredrick, who died May 19, 1990; and a brother, Ross Fredrick.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Huntertown United Methodist Church. Pastor Sherri Long will officiate.

Calling follows services in the church's fellowship hall.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the church or the family.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Pauline Penn

LAGRANGE — Pauline Violet Penn, 93, formerly of LaGrange, died Saturday, May 11, 2002, at Thurston Woods Village in Sturgis, Mich.

She was born in Nebraska and worked as a farmer and homemaker.

Surviving are two daughters, Joy Wall Stukey of Fort Wayne and Hope Penn Keeslar of Sturgis; two sons, Gary Penn of Sturgis and Ronnie Penn of Gulf Breeze, Fla.; 16 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-great-grandchildren; and two brothers, George Swoveland of Kalkaska, Mich., and Lowell Swoveland of Detroit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert Penn, who died in 1985; and a son, Gaylord Penn, who died in 1997.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Howe United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery in Sturgis.

Calling is 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. EST today at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home in Sturgis.

Memorials are to the church's building fund.

Services Held

KIMMELL — Services for **Arvil P. Denney** were 11 a.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Rev. Doug Keenan officiated.

Burial was in Sparta Cemetery. Pallbearers were David and Chris Denney, Leon Huntsman, Reynoldo Soto II, Steve Crowdus and Matt Schroeder.

Gary Roderick

WOLCOTTVILLE — Gary E. Roderick, 53, died Monday, May 13, 2002, at his home.

A lifelong resident of the Wolcottville area, Mr. Roderick worked as a self-employed tool and die maker.

He was born Sept. 24, 1948, in Kendallville to Jack S. Roderick and Rosella Emerick Byerley. His father and stepmother, Sybil Roderick, both survive in Hattesburg, Miss. His mother survives at Cree Lake in rural Kendallville. He married Linda Bryant Aug. 3, 1990, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Michelle and Don Sanderson of Bethel, Ohio, Jenni and Chad Lepley of Angola and Aimee Floyd of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; three brothers, Tim Byerley of Kendallville, Richard Byerley of Huntertown and Mark Roderick of Hattesburg; and a sister, Lois McDonald of New Orleans.

Mr. Roderick

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Nicole Roderick and Angela Suzanna Roderick; a stepfather, Richard Byerley; and three brothers, Ronald Byerley, Bruce Byerley and Lewis Byerley.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Jim Bontrager and Pastor Earl Bolen will officiate. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice of LaGrange.

Peggy Mills

AUBURN — Peggy L. (Rowe) Mills, 94, died Monday, May 13, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

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Arvil Denney, 89

KIMMELL–Arvil P. Denney, 89, died Friday, May 10, 2002, at Kingston of Ligonier.

Mr. Denney was a dairy farmer who lived in the Kimmell area for 74 years. He was a Washington Township 4-H leader, enjoyed playing the banjo for his family and friends and was also a member of the Broadway quartet. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of Berean Baptist Church in Albion.

He was born Oct. 20, 1912, in Pulaski County, Ky., to David and Oma (Robinson) Denney. He married Ruth M. Deardorff August 8, 1935, in Lawrenceburg. She preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Thelma John and Opal Osborne.

Surviving are a son, Everett Rex Denney of Kendallville; a daughter, Sandra Carole Huntsman of Albion; a sister, Zella Underwood of Kimmell; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Monday, May 13, 2002 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Rev. Doug Keenan officiated. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Hannah Grace Swander

AVILLA – Hannah Grace Swander died on Friday, May 10, 2002 in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne shortly after birth.

She is survived by her parents, Matthew and Lisa (Lawson) Swander both of Avilla; her paternal grandparents, Terry and Roberta Good of Albion; her paternal grandfather, Larry Swander of Albion; paternal great-grandparents Mildred and the late Peck Tarlton of Albion; maternal grandparents Steve and Raye Pierce of Kendallville; maternal grandfather Mike Lawson of Kendallville and great-grandmother Joyce Osborn of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by a twin sister, Hailey Nicole Swander.

Services were held at Rose Hill Cemetery on Monday, May 13, 2002 with the Rev. Benny Archer officiating.

Preferred Memorials are to the Apostolic Youth Camp or the Avilla Fire Department.

Hailey Nicole Swander

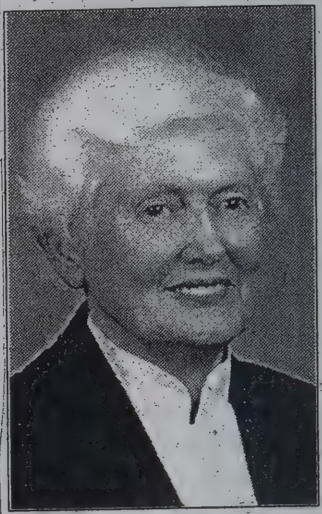
AVILLA – Hailey Nicole Swander died on Friday, May 10, 2002 in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne shortly after birth.

She is survived by her parents, Matthew and Lisa (Lawson) Swander both of Avilla; her paternal grandparents, Terry and Roberta Good of Albion; her paternal grandfather, Larry Swander of Albion; paternal great-grandparents Mildred and the late Peck Tarlton of Albion; maternal grandparents Steve and Raye Pierce of Kendallville; maternal grandfather Mike Lawson of Kendallville and great-grandmother Joyce Osborn of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by a twin sister, Hannah Grace Swander.

Services were held at Rose Hill Cemetery on Monday, May 13, 2002 with the Rev. Benny Archer officiating.

Preferred Memorials are to the Apostolic Youth Camp or the Avilla Fire Department.



Inez Betty Stump Ott, 83

RANCHO PALOS VERDES, Calif. – Inez Betty Stump Ott, 83, died May 5, 2002 in Rancho Palos Verdes, California.

She was born in Noble County on April 28, 1919 to George and Saloma Stroh Stump. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1937, and Manchester College in 1941. She taught school at Chester Township near North Manchester and Atwood, Indiana. She also taught in Cincinnati and Rutland High School in Ohio, then in California, retiring in 1979.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Robert Ott; one son, William and one daughter, Pat Higakie, all of California. Also surviving are three grandchildren; one great-grandchild and one brother Raymond Stump of near Wolf Lake.

She was preceded in death by one son and three brothers.

Memorial services were held May 12, 2002 in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. Private burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

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Lucille Mills

AUBURN — Lucille "Peggy" Nelson Rowe Mills, 94, died Monday, May 13, 2002, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, where she had resided for less than a month.

Mrs. Mills had been an Auburn resident since 1950 and spent winters in Pinellas Park, Fla. She worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 30 years, enjoyed many hobbies, was active in senior citizen centers, and attended Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley.

Mrs. Mills

She attended Helmer and Salem Center schools and graduated from Salem Center High School in Steuben County. She traveled to New Jersey, Florida, California and Hawaii with her first husband. She was widowed for seven years and traveled to Europe and many other places during that time. She traveled to Jamaica, Grand Cayman Islands, Nassau, Freeport, South America, Canada, Nova Scotia, California and Florida with her second husband.

She was born May 26, 1907, on a farm northwest of Salem Center to Ida Mae Nelson Bridegan and Roy Nelson.

She married Allen Franklin Rowe on Oct. 14, 1924, in Angola, and he preceded her in death Nov. 17, 1967. She then married Russell Thomas Mills on Sept. 15, 1974, and he preceded her in death June 25, 1987.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Rose Ellen Shipe of Ashley and Violet Mae and Teddy Dean Lepley of Ashley; a son and two daughters-in-law, Richard Miles Rowe and Viola Patten Rowe of Cape Coral, Fla., and Margaret Ann Remenicky Rowe of Cape Coral; two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Roselyn I. and James A. Wells of Auburn, and Rita J. and Lloyd Smith of Minnesota; one stepson and three stepdaughters-in-law, Rodney D. and Sharon Maggert Mills of Fort Wayne, Elizabeth Bream Mills of Michigan, and Joanna Chapman Mills of North Conway, N.H.; 27 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Bernard Elmer Rowe on June 28, 1986; one son-in-law, Robert Shipe on Oct. 5, 1986; two stepsons, Ronald Bruce Mills on Oct. 5, 1985, and Robert Thomas Mills in March 2001; five grandchildren, one sister and three brothers.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Pastor Jeff Fackler of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Emmanuel Calix

LIGONIER — Emmanuel Calix, newborn infant, died Monday, May 13, 2002, at 5:07 p.m. at Goshen General Hospital.

He was born Monday, May 13, 2002, at 4:16 p.m. at Goshen General Hospital to Emilio and Deisy E. (Martinez) Calix of Ligonier. They survive.

Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Jose and Maria Martinez of Cromwell; his paternal grandmother, Nancy Calix of Honduras; and his paternal grandfather, Emilio Calix of Ligonier.

Services are noon Thursday at Temple Betel. The Rev. Jose Gutierrez will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Bernard Wojciechowski

KENDALLVILLE — Bernard J. Wojciechowski, 78, died Monday, May 13, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Formerly of Burtchville, Mich., Mr. Wojciechowski moved to Kendallville to reside with his daughter. He retired as an underground construction worker. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was born Nov. 21, 1923, in Detroit, Mich., to Frank and Barbara Wojciechowski. He married Jane Edith Robinson April 13, 1948, in Detroit. She preceded him in death Aug. 9, 2000. He was also preceded in death by three sisters and three brothers.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and Patrick Connolly of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Sally Wojciechowski of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; a brother, Adam Wojciechowski of northern Michigan; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

No services or calling will be held. Burial will be at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Helen Reiling

LAGRANGE — Helen J. Reiling, 81, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mrs. Reiling was the activities assistant at Life Care Center in LaGrange and received several certificates of appreciation for her work there. In 1999 she was named LaGrange County Hoosier of the Year. She moved to LaGrange from Three Rivers, Mich., in 1957.

She was born Sept. 2, 1920, in Three Rivers to Claude and Faye (Lowman) Hayward. She married Denzil E. Reiling June 17, 1939, in Marcellus, Mich. Mr. Reiling preceded her in death July 25, 1989. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Esther Wilhelm.

Surviving are six daughters and four sons-in-law, Joyce Burg of Sturgis, Mich., Janice and Donald Eash and Deborah and Louis Saddison, all of Howe, Susan and Stanley Hartman of Fort Wayne, Denise Reiling of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Sharon and David Barrett of Centreville, Mich; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Carrie Reiling of Centreville and Dennis and Ann Reiling of Abilene, Texas; 24 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Layman Douglas Balle will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Cancer Society or Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association.

Irene Barnes

LAGRANGE — Irene M. Barnes, 84, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Barnes worked at Farmers State Bank in Wolcottville from 1954 to 1992. She attended Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 6, 1917, in Waterloo to Glen and Cletus (Trail) George. She graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1936. She married William C. Barnes June 12, 1949. Mr. Barnes preceded her in death July 3, 1995. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Lucille George; and a brother, Robert George.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. The Rev. Mike Tatman will officiate. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling is two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Frank Garrett

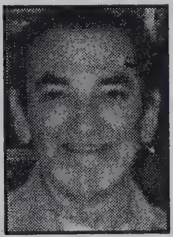
WOLCOTTVILLE — Frank L. Garrett, 62, died Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Edmund Klausing

LAGRANGE — Edmund R. Klausing, 68, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at home.

Mr. Klausing retired from his job as foreman at Grumman-Olson in Sturgis, Mich. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange. He moved to LaGrange from Denver in 1976.


Mr. Klausing

He was born March 8, 1934, in Delphos, Ohio, to Hubert and Luella (Clement) Klausing. He married Barbara M. Sterling Aug. 20, 1952, in Delphos, Ohio. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony C. and Sandra Klausing of Groton, Conn., and Jeffrey W. and Dawn Klausing of Kapolei, Hawaii; three sisters, Adella Koester of Lima, Ohio, Helen Rushing of Nashville, Tenn., and Sister Mary Paulissa of Toledo, Ohio; a brother, Melvin Klausing of Ringgold, Ga.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Velma Bobilya, who died July 23, 1992.

Services are noon Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange. Rev. Paul Faroh will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Jimmie Ramseyer

MONTPELIER — Jimmie D. Ramseyer, 62, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Ramseyer worked for Kitco in Bluffton for 27 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of the Bluffton National Guard and was born in Wells County.

Surviving are three daughters, Linda Sinks of Raleigh, N.C., Kristina Patton of Avilla and Sheila Ramseyer of Milford; five brothers, Forrest "Sonny" Ramseyer of Donna, Texas, Arthur, Dewayne and Dale Ramseyer, all of Bluffton, and Norman Ramseyer of Montpelier; two sisters, Velma Grover and Shirley Berry, both of Keystone; a foster child, Vicki Hall of Keystone; his former wife, Thelma Studabaker of Bluffton; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Ramseyer; and a foster child, Jack Ramseyer.

Services are 4 p.m. Saturday at Glancy Funeral Homes Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery.

Calling is 1 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or the family.

Robert Deam

AUBURN — Robert "Bob" Deam, 57, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Deam worked as a machine operator at the Auburn Foundry for 21 years, retiring in 1992. He was a graduate of Waterloo High School and lived in Auburn. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and Sons of the American Legion, both in Auburn.

He was born July 12, 1944, in Kendallville to Carl W. and Dorothy J. Deam.

He married his wife, Janet, on Oct. 6, 1969, and she survives.

Surviving are one son, Norman of Auburn; one daughter, Tammy Kessler of Auburn; one foster daughter, Tammy Chagoya of Auburn; two brothers, Carl W. Deam of Corunna and Max E. Deam of Ashley; one sister, Mary J. Parker of Hudson; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Henry Deam.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A funeral dinner will be served at the Auburn Moose Lodge.

Calling is Friday from 6-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Nickie Fulk

ALBION — Nickie A. Fulk, 42, died Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Survivors include his wife, Tina Fulk, and his mother, Anna Lee Fulk of Albion.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Allen Becker

KENDALLVILLE — Allen Becker, 83, died Thursday, May 16, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Becker worked as a farmer. He also operated the former Kendallville Landfill on Waits Road and was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville and Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301, of which he was a past governor.

Mr. Becker

He was born June 2, 1918, in Kendallville, to Norman and Dora (Bortner) Becker. He graduated from Rome City High School and married Mary M. Hoover May 8, 1941, in Columbia City. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Katie Becker and Jerry and Susan Becker, all of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Carol Steeg and Pam and Dirk Renkenberger, all of Kendallville; a sister, Helen Kimley of Silver Springs, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Earl Becker.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Stan Kessler will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church of Kendallville or Shepherd of the Hill.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Arthur Hawks

WAWAKA — Arthur "Art" Hawks, 57, died Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hawks worked in the Silgan warehouse, retiring after 23 years. He served in the U.S. Merchant Marine and a member of Eagles Lodge 985 of Kendallville. He enjoyed camping, fishing and auto repair.

Mr. Hawks

He was born March 13, 1945, in Bradshaw, W.V., to William Arthur and Clara (Haggerman) Hawks. He married Irene Shannon May 21, 1992, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Franklin A. and Carrie Hawks of Brimfield and Stewart A. Adkison of Wawaka; a stepdaughter, Valerie Weaver of Wolcottville; a half brother, Ken Woody of Brimfield; four half sisters, Erma Dean of Newland, N.C., Jeannette Warden of Forest Park, Ga., Roma Olsen of North Manchester and Hazel of West Virginia; two stepsisters, Shirley Jones of Norton, Va., and Juanita of Florida; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 1 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Rev. John Lutton will officiate. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Memorials are to the family.

Frankie Garrett

WOLCOTTVILLE — Frankie Leon Garrett, 62, died Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Garrett worked for Bollhoff-Rivnut in Kendallville for five years and Sealed Power in LaGrange for 23 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in Germany during the Berlin crisis. He moved from Eaton to Wolcottville in 1973.

Mr. Garrett

He was born Aug. 28, 1939, in Armathwaite, Tenn., to James Leonard and Ella Mae (Whittenburgh) Garrett. He married Mary V. Billingsley Oct. 30, 1965, in Muncie. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rob and Cheryl Garrett of Shipshewana and Lance and Patricia Garrett of Blue Lake, Calif.; five grandchildren, Zachary, Nathan, Marina, Corina and Lantz Garrett; three step-grandchildren, Douglas, Chace and Paige Garrett; three sisters, Patsy Slaven of Hartford City and Judy and Julie Whittenburgh, both of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby and Dennis Garrett, and a sister, Betty Dotts.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Salem United Methodist Church in Bremen. The Rev. David Tripp of Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

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Cathy Summers

AVILLA — Cathy I. Summers, 54, died Thursday, May 16, 2002, at 2:24 a.m. in her Avilla home.

Mrs. Summers was a homemaker and lived in Avilla for 31 years. She was a member of the Steuben-LaGrange County Association For Young Children and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

She was born Sept. 7, 1947, in Kendallville to Russell and Betty (Straiter) Strouse. They survive in Kendallville.

She married Michael L. Summers on July 28, 1970, in Kendallville, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Nicole Summers of Avilla; one son, Jeffery Summers of Kendallville; one sister, Jane Trim of North Carolina; one brother, Carson Strouse of Kendallville; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be held Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben-LaGrange County Association For Young Children.

Denver Maxton

ANGOLA — Denver Paul Maxton, 93, died Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Maxton was a combination man for GTE for 40 years and a farmer on his own land. He was a member of Angola Christian Church and a life member of the Angola Moose Lodge. He lived in Angola.

He was born July 29, 1908, in Otsego Township of Steuben County to Hugh and Georgie (Boiles) Maxton.

He married Dorothy Brandeberry on July 23, 1938, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Sue Ann Knoblauch of Fort Wayne; one sister, Ruth Kester of Albion; one grandson, Robert Durham; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Nancy Marie Durham; one grandson; and three brothers, C.J. Maxton, Lewis Maxton and Mahlon Maxton.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Robert Knowlton officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery.

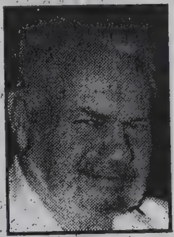
Calling is today from 3-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Bible for Babies at Angola Christian Church or the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Dale Siples

KENDALLVILLE — Dale Eugene Siples, 72, died Thursday, May 16, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

A lifelong resident of the Kendallville area, Mr. Siples was a retired truck driver. He was a member of the Kendallville Masonic Lodge.



Mr. Siples

He was born Jan. 2, 1930, in Fort Wayne, to Donald and Reba (Bowers) Siples. He married Loma Farmwald March 16, 1963, in Avilla. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Terry and Scott Showen of Kendallville, Judy and Larry Ober of Albion and Billie and Harry Swick of New Haven; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Marlene Siples of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Carol Hankinson of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and Lois Keener of Sarasota, Fla.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Gene Rohrer of Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion, will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, with Masonic services at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2002

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct the location of the funeral. The News-Sun regrets the error.

Frankie Garrett

WOLCOTTVILLE — Frankie Leon Garrett, 62, died Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Garrett

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Garrett worked for Bollhoff-Rivnut in Kendallville for five years and Sealed Power in LaGrange for 23 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in Germany during the Berlin crisis. He moved from Eaton to Wolcottville in 1973.

He was born Aug. 28, 1939, in Armathwaite, Tenn., to James Leonard and Ella Mae (Whittenburgh) Garrett. He married Mary V. Billingsley Oct. 30, 1965, in Muncie. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rob and Cheryl Garrett of Shipshewana and Lance and Patricia Garrett of Blue Lake, Calif.; five grandchildren, Zachary, Nathan, Marina, Corina and Lantz Garrett; three stepgrandchildren, Douglas, Chace and Paige Garrett; three sisters, Patsy Slaven of Hartford City and Judy and Julie Whittenburgh, both of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby and Dennis Garrett, and a sister, Betty Dotts.

Services are 11 a.m. today at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. The Rev. David Tripp of Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

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Mary Vaughn

FREMONT — Mary R. "Becky" Vaughn, 79, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at her daughter's home in Chaska, Minn.

Mrs. Vaughn was a homemaker and co-owner of Vaughn's Dry Cleaners, and worked for many years at the Gloria Shoppe in Fremont. She took an active role in church, civic and social pursuits.

She was a past matron of the Order of Eastern Star and a member for over 50 years. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters, Pinochle Club and Minerva Club. She participated in many church and general community projects.

Mrs. Vaughn

She was born Aug. 12, 1922, in Greenfield to the Rev. Hillis L. and Mary E. (Beard) Avery. Her father was a United Methodist minister.

She married Robert L. "Arky" Vaughn on Oct. 14, 1945, in Windfall, Ind. He preceded her in death.

Surviving her are a daughter, Suzanne Kneeland of Chaska, Minn.; two sons, Steven A. Vaughn of Fremont and Anthony F. Vaughn of Eden Prairie, Minn.; sister, Denise Simon of Ellenton, Fla.; a brother-in-law, Hal D. Vaughn of Fremont; a sister-in-law, Margaret Vaughn of Sebring, Fla.; five grandchildren, Emma Vaughn of Fremont, Melissa and Lindsay Vaughn of Eden Prairie, and Harris and Hannah Kneeland of Chaska; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Fremont United Methodist Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Greg Rittenhouse will officiate. An Eastern Star service will begin at 10:45 a.m. at the church.

Graveside services will immediately follow in Jamestown Cemetery for internment of Mary and her husband, Robert.

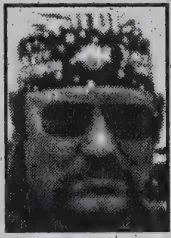
A luncheon will be served after the services at the church.

Memorials are to the Fremont Community Schools Dollars for Scholars scholarship fund, P.O. Box 665, Fremont IN 46737.

Nickie Fulk

ALBION — Nickie A. Fulk, 42, died Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Fulk worked in the maintenance department of Mossberg Industries Inc. in Garrett; prior to that he was employed at Autojectors Inc. in Albion. He was a U.S. Army veteran and enjoyed fishing and riding and working on motorcycles.



Mr. Fulk

He was born March 18, 1960, in Whitley County to Harold R. and Anna Lee (Adams) Fulk. His mother survives in Albion. In 1963 he moved with his parents from Churubusco to Albion and was educated in Central Noble schools. He married Tina Smith July 16, 1994. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Nickie Allen Fulk Jr. of Mancelona, Mich., and Tyler Jon Fulk of Garrett; a stepson, Johnny Huff Jr. of Topeka; a stepdaughter, Rebecca Powell of Wawaka; a sister and brother-in-law, Vickie Lynn and Gary Smith of Albion; a grandchild; and four stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and two brothers, Rickie Dean Fulk and David Allen Fulk.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. E. Vaughn Powell will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling is 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Alice I. Jones

KENDALLVILLE — Alice I. Jones, 88, Kendallville, died Saturday, May 18, 2002, at the Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center where she had resided since July of 1999.

Mrs. Jones was born in Noble County on Aug. 27, 1913, to Mervin and Tillie (Blaisdall) Kresse. She was retired from Lyall Electric.

Surviving are a daughter, Charlotte Donat of Kendallville; two sons, Edmund Jones of Wawaka and Henry (Barb) Jones of Silver Creek, N.Y.; a brother, Lawrence "Skip" (Annie) Kresse of Mongo; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Clifford and Dale Kresse, and a sister, Opal Thompson.

Calling hours are set for 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Association.

Verda A. Preston

AVILLA — Funeral services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, for Verda A. Preston, 92.

Mrs. Preston died Saturday, May 18, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

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William Osborn

TOPEKA — William "Bill" Nixon Osborn, 64, died Saturday, May 18, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Osborn retired as a truck driver with Roadway Express. He had recently worked as driver for the local Amish community. He lived in Topeka for four years, moving there from Portage. He lived most of his life in Blanchester, Ohio. He was a member of Teamsters Local 100 of Chicago.

He was born May 28, 1937, in Blanchester to Wilbur E. and Amy L. (Nixon) Osborn. He married Betty J. Parsley May 16, 1955, in Richmond. She survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Timothy L. Osborn of Wilmington, Ohio, Jeffrey L. Osborn of Clarksville, Ohio, David L. and Sarah L. Osborn of Clarksville, Tenn., and Michael L. and Darlene G. Osborn of Loveland, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Diane and Roger L. Pairan of Shipshewana and Samantha J. Osborn of Topeka; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Additional survivors include two brothers and sisters-in-law, Marvin D. and Betty J. Osborn of Blanchester and Roger N. and Connie Osborn of Hamilton, Ohio; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Arlene and Gene Trenary of Blanchester and Nancy and Billy Jo McPhersen of Chasetown, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bruce E. Osborn; and two sisters, Pat Gamble and Linda Osborn.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Hannah Tufts Schildmeyer Family Funeral Home in Blanchester. The Rev. Paul Crisp of Blanchester Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Burial will be in Second Creek Cemetery in Blanchester.

Local calling is 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Topeka Mennonite Church. Additional calling is 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Wilma Bolinger

COLUMBIA CITY — Wilma D. Bolinger, 92, died Saturday, May 18, 2002, at The Oaks.

Mrs. Bolinger retired in 1969 from her job as a seamstress with Pollak Bros. She was born in Huntington County.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Bolinger of Columbia City and Jerry Bolinger of Albion; a daughter, Janice Wylie of Arlington, Texas; 14 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 14 stepgreat-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and 13 stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cloyce Bolinger, in 1971.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Shoda Wilkinson Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Laud Christian Church.

Catherine Keefe

SHOALS — Catherine B. Keefe, 91, died Friday, May 17, 2002, at home.

She was a teacher, retiring after 35 years.

Surviving is a daughter, Patricia K. Keefe of Shoals, formerly of Ligonier.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Calling is 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Memorials are to Shoals Public Library.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Irene M. Barnes** were 11 a.m. Friday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. The Rev. Mike Tatman officiated. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville. Pallbearers were Randy Fry, Mike Sprunger, Roger Moyer, Wayne Keck and Mike Tatman.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Allen Becker** were 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Stan Kessler officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were Joshua and Ian Molen, Kenneth Steeg, Kevin, Chad and Jay Becker, Joe Huelsenbeck and Brent Dillon.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Gary E. Roderick** were 2 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Jim Bontrager and Pastor Earl Bolen officiated.

Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery. Pallbearers were Andrew Schultz, Aaron Byerley, Jeff and David Bryant, Jim Blaskie, Tom Dold and Brent Fox.

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Verda Preston

AVILLA — Verda A. Preston, 92, died Saturday, May 18, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Preston was a homemaker who lived most of her life in Kendallville, Rome City and Avilla.

She was born April 4, 1910, in Fort Wayne to Edgar and Edna Jean (Leymon) Baker. She married Charles Preston Nov. 13, 1926, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death Feb. 16, 1980. She was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Surviving are a daughter, Joy A. Sneary of Avilla; a son, Charles E. Preston of Auburn; five grandchildren, Jennifer Laur of Kendallville, Candice Barbulesco of South Bend, Geoffrey D. and Kenneth C. Preston, both of Auburn, and Susan K. Egbert of Greenwood; seven great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Harold Baker of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Mary Rice of Columbia City.

Private family services and calling are Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King will officiate. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

THE NEWS-SUN TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2002

Kevin Uhl

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Kevin L. Uhl, 42, died Friday, May 17, 2002, at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Uhl worked as a research scientist for the Access Business Group division of Alticor, specializing in technical regulatory affairs. He was previously employed for six years by Amway Corp. He was a graduate of Purdue University.

He was born Feb. 16, 1960, in Kendallville, to Lloyd and Donna (Caldwell) Uhl. His father survives in Kendallville. His mother preceded him in death. He married Denise May McIntosh Aug. 22, 1981. She survives in Grand Rapids.

Also surviving are three daughters, Samantha, Madeline and Erica Uhl, all of Grand Rapids; a brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Debbie Uhl of Indiana; a sister, Kellie Elliot of Indiana; a niece, Alexis; and a nephew, Trevor.

Memorial services are noon Saturday at Mongo United Methodist Church in Mongo. The Rev. James Bartlett will officiate.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family for an educational scholarship fund for Mr. Uhl's children.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.legacychapels.com or sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Frankie Leon Garrett** were 11 a.m. Saturday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. The Rev. David Tripp officiated.

Burial was in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville. Pallbearers were Rob, Lance, Scott, Brian and Douglas Garrett and Everett, Frank and Sherman Billingsley.

Jaedon Reinbold

KENDALLVILLE — Jaedon Isiah Reinbold was stillborn Sunday, May 19, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving are his parents, Daniel A. Reinbold and Shannon M. Harper of Wolcottville; two brothers, Matthew Reinbold and Trey Reinbold, both at home; a paternal grandmother, Pamela Hicks of LaGrange; maternal grandparents, David Harper of Kendallville and Lisa Harper of Avilla; paternal great-grandparents, John and Virginia Ramey of Wolcottville; maternal great-grandparents, Paul and Opal Harper of Kendallville and Cline and Joyce Conley of South Milford; and several aunts and uncles.

Graveside services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. The Rev. Lee Combs will officiate.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Carolyn Ackman

ASHLEY — Carolyn Ackman, 51, died Monday, May 20, 2002, at home.

Those surviving include her husband, Charles R. Ackman of Ashley.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Margaret Johnson

BRIMFIELD — Margaret Johnson, 66, died today, Tuesday, May 21, 2002.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Dale Eugene Siples** were 11 a.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Gene Rohrer officiated.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Pallbearers were Chad and Todd Showen, Donald and Daniel Siples and Ryan and Logan Swick.

Margaret Truman

BELLFLOWER, Calif. — Margaret E. (Woodcock) Truman, 93, died of heart failure Sunday, May 19, 2002, at 4 a.m. in Bellflower Hospital.

She resided at Emmanuel Convalescent Hospital for 10 years before she was moved to the Los Angeles-area hospital a few days before her death.

She was a homemaker and lived in Bellflower. She was a former Garrett resident before moving to South Lyons, Mich., and later to Glendora, Calif.

She was born Oct. 7, 1908, in Garrett to Arthur Henry and Sarah Anne (Morgan-Foster) Woodcock.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, George Shutt of Glendora, Calif., and Ralph and Muriel Shutt of Cornwall, England; two brothers, Roger Woodcock of Kendallville and Ralph Woodcock of Santa Barbara, Calif.; one sister, Patricia Sutton of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Vicki Smola and DeeAnne Weber, both of Redlands, Calif., Jill Ryan of Lake Forest, Calif., and Jeff Shutt of Running Springs, Calif.; seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Alfred and Arthur Woodcock, and three sisters, Charlotte Shutt, Florence Berndt and Edith Miller, preceded her in death.

Private memorial services will be held. Rose Hills and Los Angeles Funeral Society is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS-SUN WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2002

Carolyn Ackman

ASHLEY — Carolyn Ann Ackman, 51, died Monday, May 20, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Ackman was co-owner of Ackman Sales & Service, where she worked as a secretary. She also worked as a homemaker. She was on the board of directors of Early Adventures Childcare in Kendallville. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, where she served on the capital campaign committee and as organist and financial secretary. She was a 1969 graduate of East Noble High School in Kendallville.

Mrs. Ackman

She was born Nov. 17, 1950, to John H. and Ilene M. (Jacob) Young. Her mother survives in Kendallville. She married Charles Ray "Skip" Ackman Aug. 4, 1974, in Albion. He survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are two daughters, Debra Ackman of Ashley and Carri Ackman of Sturgis, Mich.; a stepson, Bradley Ray Ackman of Galesburg, Ill.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Connie and Richard Maassel of Westerville, Ohio, and Cheryl Young and Cathy and David Thiem, all of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Cassandra Smith; two stepgrandchildren, Bradley and Courtney Ackman; and many nieces and nephews.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church. The Rev. Paul Griebel will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the St. John Lutheran Church building fund.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Pamela Axson-Gerardot

FORT WAYNE — Pamela Jo Axson-Gerardot, 43, died Saturday, May 18, 2002, at home.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother, Evangeline Axson of Fort Wayne; her stepfather, Paul Agulier of Fort Wayne; her father, Earl Axson of Fort Wayne; a brother, Richard A. Boyd of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Cheryl L. Biddwell of Kendallville.

Private graveside services will be held.

Dorothy Duehmig

AVILLA — Dorothy Marie Duehmig, 75, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at Heritage House Nursing Home in New Castle.

Ms. Duehmig worked for Creek Chub Bait Factory in Garrett, Kneipp Springs in Rome City and Rain Tree Industries in New Castle. She lived in New Castle for 40 years, moving there from Avilla. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in New Castle.

She was born Nov. 4, 1926, in Avilla to Henry and Rose (Kreienbrink) Duehmig.

Surviving are three brothers, James Duehmig and Edward Duehmig, both of Fort Wayne, and Joe Duehmig of Avilla; and four sisters, Theresa Dubelko of Hudson, Ohio, Janet Hudecek of Avilla, June Duehmig of Kendallville and Ruth Bauman Ballwin of Missouri.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Daniel Durkin will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Rosary service is 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Jaye Hignite

SHIPSHEWANA — Jaye D. Hignite, 41, died Monday, May 20, 2002, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mrs. Hignite was a homemaker who lived for many years in LaGrange and Elkhart counties.

She was born March 16, 1961, in Pigeon, Mich., to Kenneth and Neoma (Snyder) Kleinschmidt. She married Steve Hignite Aug. 7, 1995, in LaGrange County. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Krystal Gaertner of Howe; four sisters, Janet Doremus Bartlett of Illinois, Janine Joyner Freeland of Michigan, Jo Booth of Bay City, Mich., and Jamie Chamberlin of Freeland, Mich.; and a brother, Karl Kleinschmidt of Rivers Junction, Mich.

No services or calling. Burial will be at a later date.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Harold Voirol

HARLAN — Harold E. Voirol, 81, died at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Voirol worked for Zollner Corp., retiring after 31 years. He was born in Fort Wayne and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Marie Voirol; a daughter, Theresa Dennie of Pensacola, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Becki Rekeweg of New Haven; a stepson, Mark Voirol of Fort Wayne; a sister, Donna Goldwaithe of Zephyr Hills, Fla.; two brothers, Thomas Voirol and Robert Voirol, both of Albion; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn. Burial will be in Christ Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Christ Lutheran Church.

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Clovis Hoover

KENDALLVILLE — Clovis Hoover, 78, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Hoover worked for Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, retiring after 36 years. He was a member of and served as an associate pastor at Independent Baptist Church in South Milford.

He was born Dec. 18, 1923, in Garrett, Ky., to Granvill and Lola (Hicks) Hoover. He married Flora Terry March 16, 1941, in Quicksand, Ky. She survives in LaGrange.

Mr. Hoover

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rickie and Lori Hoover of LaGrange; three daughters and sons-in-law, Geneva and David Hicks of Brimfield, Jean and Harvey Garza of Wolcottville and Diane and Harry Gamble of Wolcottville; three half brothers, Denver Elliott of Sturgis, Mich., Leon Elliott of Peru and Eddie Elliott of LaGrange; three half sisters, Delores of Sturgis, Faye Patterson of Rome City and Ruth Terry of Lisbon; 20 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Grant Hoover, who died in 1979; and Granvill Hoover, who died in 1999.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Independent Baptist Church. The Revs. Earl Bolen and Bill Sawyer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is 5 to 9 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Gaylord Parr

ORLAND — Gaylord R. Parr, 61, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at 7:15 a.m.

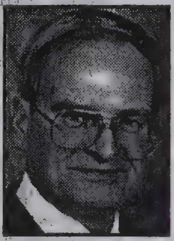
He owned Parr Farm Supply and Parr Trucking Co. and was a farmer. He served in the U.S. Army.

A lifelong Stroh and Orland resident, he moved to Orland in 1974.

Mr. Parr owned Parr Racing and was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Avilla Speedway and Steuben County Speedway. He was an avid race fan and loved to fly his plane.

A pilot for many years, he owned his own plane and was a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

He was born Aril 24, 1941, in Stroh to Elwood and Louise (DeGraw) Parr.



Mr. Parr

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Jeff A. and Julie Parr of rural Hudson, and Greg E. Parr of Orland; one daughter and son-in-law, Angie and Jeff Wynn of LaGrange; a companion, Mary Jane Cooper; three brothers, Richard Parr of Pittsboro, N.C., and Gordon Parr and Rodney Parr, both of rural Hudson; and seven grandchildren, Tiffany Bater, Corey Parr, Jeff Parr Jr., Chad Wynn, Britanny Parr, Ashley Wynn and Eric Parr.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Stroh Church of Christ, with calling after 10 a.m. Mike Hamm will officiate. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 5-8 p.m. and Friday from 3-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to Cameron Home and Health Care.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Margaret Johnson

ALBION — Margaret Johnson, 66, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker and a member of Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was born June 6, 1934, in Littcar, Ky., to Cody Martin and Madeline Thornsberry. She married Patrick Henry Johnson July 20, 1970, in Hindman, Ky. He preceded her in death Oct. 11, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Arthur Ramsing of Michigan and Deloris and Bill Threet of West Baden Springs; four sons and three daughters-in-law, David and Betty Dove of Salem, Cecil and Robin Dove of Indiana, Earl and Theresa Dove and Melvin Dove, addresses unknown; two stepdaughters, Cassie Fair of Ohio and Betty Johnson of Kentucky; three sisters, Connie Milliman of Albion, Mildred Martin of Wolcottville and Rendy Hughes of Greenville; two brothers, Carlewis Martin and Silas Martin, both of Softshell, Ky.; a half sister, Millie Mullins of Michigan; a half brother, Langus Martin of Kentucky; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services are Friday at Hindman Funeral Services in Hindman. Burial will be in Johnson Cemetery in Littcar.

Calling is after 4 p.m. today and Thursday.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of local arrangements.

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Charles Hedges

FORT WAYNE — Charles F. "Chic" Hedges, 85, died Monday, May 20, 2002, in Heritage Park Health Care Center at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hedges was a layout man with Freuhauf for 35 years, retiring in 1982. He also retired from Hall's Restaurants after 20 years. He lived in Fort Wayne and was a charter member of the St. Joe Athletic Club. He was a member of Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church. He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Audra, of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Becky Milton of Fort Wayne; a son, Steven C. Willett of Angola; one sister, Violet Exner of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Louis and Calvin Hedges, both of Fort Wayne, and Jerry Hedges of Albion; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Jeff A. Hedges in 1978 and Frederick S. Willett in 1993; a sister, Bertha Gross; and four brothers, Park, Hubert, Jim and Carl Hedges.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church.

Dale Eugene Siples, 72

KENDALLVILLE – Dale Eugene Siples, 72, of Kendallville died suddenly on Thursday, May 16, 2002 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born on Januray 2, 1930 in Fort Wayne to Donald and Reba (Sowers) Siples. He was a retired truck driver and lifetime resident of the Kendallville area. Mr. Siples was a member of the Kendallville Masonic Lodge.

On March 16, 1963, in Avilla he married Loma Farmwald Siples. She survives.

In addition to his wife three daughters and sons-in-law survive: Terry and Scott Showen of Kendallville, Judy and Larry Ober of Albion, Billie and Harry Swick of New Haven; one son and daughter-in-law, David and Marlene Siples of Kendallville; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Carol Hankison of Tarpon Springs, Florida and Lois Keener of Sarasota, Florida.

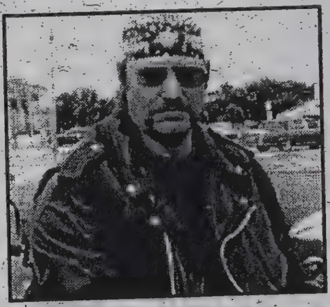
A Masonic Lodge Service was held on Sunday, May 19, 2002 at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. The funeral was held on Monday, May 20, 2002 with the Rev. Gene Rohrer of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Nickie A. Fulk

ALBION – Nickie A. Fulk, 42, a resident of rural Albion at Skinner Lake, died at 5:32 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2002, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. He had collapsed unexpectedly earlier in the afternoon.

Mr. Fulk was born in Whitley County on March 18, 1960, a son of Harold R. and Anna Lee Adams Fulk. He moved from Churubusco to Albion as a child with his parents in 1963, and was a lifelong resident of that community.



Nickie A. Fulk

He was educated in the Central Noble Schools, and served with the U.S. Army for a period.

He had been previously employed at Autojectors, Inc. in Albion, and had been employed in the maintenance department at Mossberg Industries, Inc. in Garrett for the past three years.

On July 16, 1994, he was married to Tina Smith. She survives.

Other surviving relatives include two sons, Nickie Allen Fulk, Jr. of Mancelona, Michigan, and Tyler Jon Fulk of Garrett; a stepson, Johnny Huff, Jr. of Topeka; a step-daughter, Rebecca Powell of Wawaka; his mother, Anna Lee Fulk of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Vickie Lynn and Gary Smith of Albion; a grandchild, and four step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, and by two brothers, Rickie Dean Fulk and David Allen Fulk.

Funeral services were Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Wilma D. Bolinger, 92

COLUMBIA CITY–Wilma D. Bolinger, 92, formerly of Huntington, died Saturday at The Oaks.

She was born in Huntington County, she retired as a seamstress from Pollak Bros. in Fort Wayne in 1969. Her husband, Cloyce, died in 1971.

Surviving are two sons, Richard of Columbia City and Jerry of Albion; a daughter, Janice Wylie of Arlington, Texas; 14 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 14 step-great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and 13 step-great-great-grandchildren. Services were held on Tuesday, May 21, 2002 at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. Memorials are to Laud Christian Church.

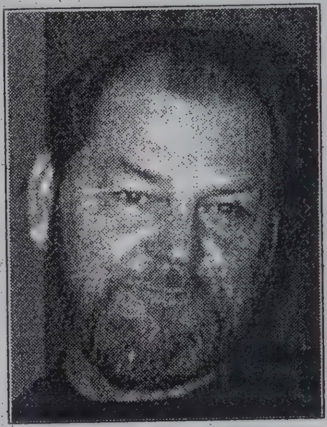
Arthur "Art" Hawks, 57

WAWAKA–Arthur "Art" Hawks, age 57, of Wawaka, IN died Wednesday, May 15, 2002 at 11:19 pm in Parkview Hospital of Fort Wayne.

He was born on March 13, 1945 in Bradshaw, West Virginia, son of William Arthur Hawks and Clara Haggerman Hawks.

He married Irene Shannon Hawks on May 21, 1992, in Albion.

He served in the Merchant Marine, and was a member of Eagles Lodge #985 of Kendallville. He enjoyed camping, fishing and auto repair. He was a retired warehouse person at Silgan for 23 years.



Arthur Art Hawks

He is survived by his wife, Irene Shannon Hawks; two sons, Franklin A. and Carrie Hawks of Brimfield; Stewart A. Adkinson of Wawaka; one step-daughter, Valerie Weaver of Whitmer Lake; one half-brother, Ken Woody of Brimfield; four half-sisters: Erma Dean of Newland, North Carolina; Jeannette Warden of Forest Park, Georgia; Roma Olsen of North Manchester; Hazel of West Virginia; two step-sisters, Shirley Jones of Norton, Virginia and Juanita of Florida; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Sunday, May 19, 2002 at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier, with Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial followed in Cosperville Cemetery, Cosperville, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made to the family.

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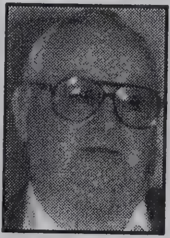
The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information about calling and services.

Clovis Hoover

KENDALLVILLE — Clovis Hoover, 78, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Hoover worked for Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, retiring after 36 years. He was a member of and served as an associate pastor at Independent Baptist Church in South Milford.



Mr. Hoover

He was born Dec. 18, 1923, in Garrett, Ky., to Granvill and Lola (Hicks) Hoover. He married Flora Terry March 16, 1941, in Quicksand, Ky. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rickie and Lori Hoover of LaGrange; three daughters and sons-in-law, Geneva and David Hicks of Brimfield, Jean and Harvey Garza of Wolcottville and Diane and Harry Gamble of Wolcottville; three half brothers, Denver Elliott of Sturgis, Mich., Leon Elliott of Peru and Eddie Elliott of LaGrange; three half sisters, Delores of Sturgis, Faye Patterson of Rome City and Ruth Terry of Lisbon; 20 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Grant Hoover, who died in 1979; and Granvill Hoover, who died in 1999.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Independent Baptist Church. The Revs. Earl Bolen and Bill Sawyer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is after 2 p.m. today at the church until Friday services. Additional services are 7 p.m. today at the church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Harold Smith

FORT WAYNE — Harold L. Smith, 74, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at DuPont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith worked for 40 years as a production engineer at Magnavox Corp. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Kendallville.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin L. and Marjorie J. Smith of Bakersfield, Calif., and Gregory J. and Jo Ellen Smith of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Karla R. and Thomas L. Elett of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Beverly Nichols and Glendon Longyear, both of Kendallville, and Joanne Bryant and Carol Halferty, both of South Milford; two sisters-in-law, Rose Walsh of Kendallville and Theodosa Engle of Gahanna, Ohio; a brother-in-law, Charles Walsh of Canyon Lake, Texas; and eight grandchildren, Jennifer and Ryan Murphy, Andy, Brandon, Pat and Kirk Smith, and Travis and Jerad Elett.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan D. Smith, who died in 2000; two brothers; and two sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with vigil services at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Women's Cancer Center of Lutheran Hospital or masses.

Rev. Norman Hill

WOLCOTTVILLE — The Rev. Norman Eugene Hill, 68, died Wednesday, May 22, 2002, at his home.

After graduating from Berean Bible College, he served as a minister throughout the Midwest, including a seven-year ministry at Assembly of God in Sturgis, Mich. Since returning to the Wolcottville area he had attended the Church of the Nazarene. He also enjoyed fishing and camping.

He was born April 28, 1934, in Fisk, Mo., to Theodore and Flora Bell (Wicks) Hill. His mother survives in Festus, Mo. He married Wilma Leach Jan. 28, 1952, in Brosely, Mo. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Elton and Marcia Hill of Elkhart, Gary Hill and Greg and Dawn Hill, all of Wolcottville, Steve and Lori Hill of Sturgis and Mark Hill of Cromwell; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Mike Swander of Portage, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Melvin Hill of Whitesboro, Texas, and Ronnie Hill of St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ervin Hill.

Services are 9 a.m. northeast Indiana time Saturday at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home Ltd. in Sturgis. The Rev. John Shoup will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is 4 to 7 p.m. northeast Indiana time Friday.

Memorials are to the Church of the Nazarene.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Alice I. Jones** were 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Tony Altimus, Ronnie and Eddie Jones, Kenneth Gohn, Tyler Haynes, Mark Wentworth Sr., Mark Wentworth Jr. and Jack Clements.

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Enola Stratton

STURGIS, Mich. — Enola Stratton, 78, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at McPherson Hospital in Howell, Mich.

Mrs. Stratton was a homemaker.

She was born March 14, 1924, in Keithsburg, Ill., to John and Lydia (Agy) Albertson. She married William Ray Stratton Dec. 26, 1960. Mr. Stratton preceded her in death July 9, 1977. She was also preceded in death by three brothers and two granddaughters.

Surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Marsha and Ray Rasnick of Prescott Valley, Ariz., Gerry and Norm Walker of Boaz, Ky., Vicky Bailey of Bothel, Wash., Suzette and Dwayne Cornelius of Tampa, Fla., Carmen and Ben Bailey of Howe and Kelly and Eusevio Plata of Montgomery, Ill.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Wilferd Arendt of Port St. Joe, Fla., and Blaine and Kathy Arendt of Oswego, Ill.; 24 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mina Shartzer of Rock Island, Ill.

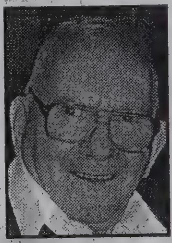
Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. The Rev. Byron Kaiser will officiate. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling is 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Paul Lefevor

AVILLA — Paul F. Lefevor, 82, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Mr. Lefevor retired in 1983 from Tokheim in Fort Wayne with 33 years of service. He was a lifelong Avilla resident.


Mr. Lefevor

He was born April 7, 1920, in DeKalb County to John and Edna (Heitz) Lefevor.

He married Fern Liddle on June 17, 1944, in Bright, Ind. She died in April 1990.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Kay Lefevor of Avilla and Delmar and Ruth Lefevor of Sanford, Mich.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Edna and Gary Rapp of Churubusco, and Delores Lefevor of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Garrett Nazarene Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Pastor David Farling will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Friday from 2-4:30 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, the Garrett Nazarene Church or the Gideons International Bible Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Forest 'Jim' Hiser

FORT WAYNE — Forest J. "Jim" Hiser, 82, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at his home.

Mr. Hiser was the former owner of Hiser Sales Co. in Fort Wayne. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Nellie Lee Hiser; three daughters, Cindy Pertic of Plymouth, Sherry Mazza of Fort Wayne and Dawn Hergot of Standish, Mich.; four sons, Forest J. Hiser III, Douglas Hiser and Thomas Hiser, all of Fort Wayne, and Max Hiser of Kendallville; three stepdaughters, Sue Knapp of Antwerp, Ohio, Sandra Young of Fort Wayne and Debbie Delagrange of Harlan; a sister, Sandra Bowers of Coldwater, Mich., 29 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, William Hiser and Jerry Hiser.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Northridge Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

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Rugenia Weisenfelder

FRANKLIN, Ohio — Rugenia V. Weisenfelder, 79, died Monday, May 20, 2002, at her home.

Mrs. Weisenfelder worked as a secretary for Hilb & Co.

She was born June 23, 1922, in Freedom, to Guy R. and Levina A. (Davis) Griffifth. She was educated in the Bedford school system and graduated from Bedford High School. She married Bo Weisenfelder in 1979 in Fairfield, Ohio. He preceded her in death in 1982. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Thomas; and a brother, Guy Griffith Jr.

Surviving are two sons, Stephen Corps and Michael Corps; three daughters, Barbara Jewell, Julie Penn and Laura Swartsell; 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a lifelong friend, Dale Rhoda.

Services were 10 a.m. today at Paul R. Young Funeral Home in Hamilton, Ohio. Burial was in Landmark Memorial Gardens in Cincinnati.

Memorials are to Hospice of Dayton Middletown Branch.

Morton Wright

HUNTERTOWN — Morton M. Wright, 72, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at his home.

Mr. Wright served and cared for the hearing needs of northeast Indiana for 35 years. He also served as pastor of churches of the Nazarene in Farmland and Kendallville.

Surviving are four sons, Delain D. Wright of Haywards Heath, England, Kurt D. Wright of Charlotte, N.C., Kent A. Wright of Fort Wayne and Terry S. Wright of Huntertown; three daughters, Renae Slonecker of Dublin, Ohio, Jerene Childers of New Haven and Janel Badiac of Fort Wayne; a brother, William Wright of Albuquerque, N.M.; and 29 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosalie Wright, who died in 2000.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne Christian Schools.

Opal Beekman

ANGOLA — Opal M. Beekman, 81, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, in Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Beekman worked at Angola Wire Products and lived in Angola.

She was born April 25, 1921, in Angola to Guy and Melba (Headley) Kope.

Her husband, Lawrence Beekman, preceded her in death in 1976.

Surviving are one son, Larry Michael Beekman of Coldwater, Mich.; three daughters, Janet McPherson of Polk City, Fla., Judy Hart of Fort Wayne and Jean Edwards of LaGrange; one brother, Ronald Kope of Anoka, Minn.; one sister, Willa Louise Davis of Baraboo, Wis.; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Joyce Merlo; one sister, Pauline Shoup; and three brothers, Gaylord, Gordon and Donald Kope.

Graveside services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Kope Cemetery of Steuben County. The Rev. Randy Marshall will officiate. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society, C.R. 100 North, Angola IN 46703.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Pearl Point

KENDALLVILLE — Pearl L. Point, 92, died Friday, May 24, 2002, at her son's home in Kokomo.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Joseph Miller Jr.

MIDDLEBURY — Joseph J. Miller Jr., 62, died Friday, May 24, 2002, at 3:12 p.m. in his Shipshewana home after an illness of two weeks.

He was employed by Indiana Wood Products in Middlebury and at Shipshewana Pallet in Shipshewana. He was a lifelong resident of Shipshewana and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Miller was born Dec. 26, 1939, in Elkhart County to Joseph J. Miller Sr. and Amanda (Hershberger) Miller.

Surviving him are one sister, Annie J. Miller of Shipshewana; and four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Elmer and Ida Mimller of LaGrange, Jonas and Mabel Miller of Shipshewana, Jacob and Dorothy Miller of White Pigeon, Mich., and Sam Miller of Sheridan, Wyo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Ida Miller and Katie Lambright; and four infant brothers.

Services will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Vernon Miller residence, 1080 North C.R. 1100 West, Shipshewana. Bishop Daniel Yoder and home ministers will officiate. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling is Sunday after noon and all day Monday at his residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Gordon Henney

KENDALLVILLE — Gordon T. Henney, 99, died Friday, May 24, 2002, at 1:15 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

He retired after 20 years at No Sag in Kendallville and was a lifetime area resident. He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist and International Order of Odd Fellows 316, both in Kendallville.

Mr. Henney was born March 31, 1903, in Kendallville to Jacob Phillip and Eva (Ritter) Henney.

He married Dessie "Sue" Kizer on Nov. 21, 1943, in Kendallville and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Susan and Lawrence Raffo of Burlingame, Calif., and Marsha Henney of Rochester, N.Y.; one sister, Harriet Thompson of Stockton, Calif.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Pete Henney in 1995 and Corwin Henney in 1993.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. There is no calling.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist Organ Fund.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

SOUTH MILFORD — Services for **Clovis Hoover** were held Friday at 11 a.m. in Independent Baptist Church. The Rev. Bill Sawyer and the Rev. Earl Bolen officiated. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery. Pallbearers were Wintson Boggs, the Rev. Earl Rose, Harry Gamble, Grant Gramble, David Hicks, Steve Hoover, Roy Sizemore and Tim Smith.

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Lovinna Fruchey

COLUMBIA CITY — Lovinna A. Fruchey, 96, died Thursday, May 23, 2002, at 1 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where she had resided since August 1995.

Mrs. Fruchey

She was employed by Fort Wayne Printing Co. until her marriage. She spent her formative years in Michigan and graduated from Mason High School. She received a degree in business from International Business College in Fort Wayne. She lived in Noble Township, Noble County, and formerly lived in Whitley County. She was a member of Big Lake Church of God and the Sugar and Spice Extension Homemakers Club.

Mrs. Fruchey was born Sept. 4, 1905, in Grass Lake, Mich., to Edgar and Maggie (Havens) Scripter.

She married Benton S. Fruchey on Dec. 29, 1928, and he died June 5, 1974.

Surviving her are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jean Ann Brown of Carmel, Arlene and Howard Briggs-Rex of Columbia City, and Joan and Roger Geiger of Big Lake; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph S. and Eva Fruchey of Cottonwood, Ariz.; a brother, Phillip Scripter of Mason, Mich.; a sister, Margaret Daniels of Springport, Mich.; four sisters-in-law, Itha McKown of Columbia City, Geraldine Scripter of Virginia, and Elvira Scripter and Bonnie Scripter, both of Lainsburg, Mich.; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, 13 stepgreat-grandchildren, and five stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Mary Jane and Alma Jeanette; five brothers, Howard, Frank, Lawton, Lewis and James Scripter; two sisters, Irene Grable and Ellen Koons; a grandson and a great-great-granddaughter.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with a grandson, the Rev. Stephen Briggs of Binghamton, N.Y., officiating. Burial will be Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Big Lake Church of God.

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Pearl Point

KENDALLVILLE — Pearl Lucille Point, 92, died Friday, May 24, 2002, at 3:30 a.m. at her son's home in Kokomo after a four-month illness.

A graduate of South High School in Lima, Ohio, Mrs. Point had lived in Kendallville since 1956. She was a manager for 25 years at the Kendallville Drive-In theater. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

She was born Oct. 17, 1909, in Putnam County, Ohio, to Joseph and Mary Ruth (Sybert) Burnett.

She married Cleon P. Point April 20, 1929, in Newport, Ky. He preceded her in death Nov. 12, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Cleon E. and Jan Point of Kokomo; two grandsons, Kevin Point of Chicago and Eric Point of Noblesville; a granddaughter and her husband, Lisa and Jim Vorbroker of Zionsville; and six great-grandchildren, Justin, Allie, Kristen, Levi, Hunter and Dakota Vorbroker.

Two brothers, Robert and Floyd Burnett, and three sisters, Ida Sellers, Radeal Steel and Gladys Augustus, also preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Trinity Church United Methodist. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Lima, Ohio.

Calling is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

John Moore

SABETHA, Kan. — John George "Jack" Moore, 71, died Friday, May 24, 2002, at Sabetha Community Hospital.

Mr. Moore grew up in the Kearney, Neb., area, attending Kearney schools and graduating from Kearney High School. He worked with his father and brother and did industrial electrical work for several years. He then attended Tri-State University at Angola for one year, studying electrical engineering.

He was born Oct. 26, 1930, in Kearney to Mark T. and Minnie (Sordt) Moore.

He married Barbara Popkess Adams Aug. 1, 1959, in Sabetha. She survives there.

Also surviving are four sons, Mark Moore of Pawnee City, Neb., Brad Moore of Angola, Tim Moore of Remington and Jeff Moore of Sabetha; a daughter, Terri Howe of Mitchell, S.D.; a sister, Mary Ellen Jensen of Medicine Bow, Wyo.; and 15 grandchildren.

A son, Michael Moore, and a brother, Max Moore, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Popkess Mortuary Chapel in Sabetha. Cremation will follow.

Calling is after 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Apostolic Christian Home in care of the funeral home.

Maxine Reese

FREMONT — Marine Lorraine (Parsons) Reese, 79, died Friday, May 24, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, she was born Oct. 16, 1922, in Steuben County to Ralph and Lillian Lyle (Berry) Custer Parsons.

She married Darrell D. Reese on June 20, 1942, in Angola. He preceded her in death Oct. 15, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rosalie and Bill Wasson of Corona, Calif., and Carol and Max Newbauer of Fremont; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Cindy Reese of LaOtto and Barry and Debra Reese of Fremont; a brother, Estel Parsons of Montgomery, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Larry Devon Reese, on Aug. 26, 1999; four brothers; and, in 1998, a great-granddaughter, Brandilynn Curtis.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Beams Funeral Home at Fremont. The Rev. David Salyer will officiate. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery of Fremont.

Calling is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago IL 60678, or the American Lung Association, 9445 Delegates Row, Indianapolis IN 46240.

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Edna Buuck

ALHAMBRA, Calif. — Edna Louise Rose Buuck, 98, died April 11 at Methodist Hospital, Arcadia, Calif., following a serious fall and hip surgery.

Mrs. Buuck

She was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, and was confirmed there April 1, 1917. She attended Lutheran Grade School at St. Paul's for all eight grades, then continued her education with a two-year business course at the Luther Institute adjacent to the church. Her first job was as a legal secretary in Fort Wayne.

After marriage she moved to Kendallville, where she was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church. She worked in Kendallville between 1930 and 1952 as a bookkeeper for her husband when they operated the Sinclair Gas Station at Diamond and Main streets in Kendallville and the Gambles Store, and later a Goodyear Car and Home Supply Store on Main Street. The couple moved to Pomona, Calif., in September 1952. In 1997 she moved to the Lutheran Retirement Home at Alhambra, Calif.

Mrs. Buuck became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Pomona, where she was an officer in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, active in the Braille Ministry, taught Sunday school, helped with vacation Bible school and filled in as church secretary. At the time of her death she was the church's oldest living member.

She enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles, listening to Dodgers games, crocheting, tatting, keeping in touch with her family and friends, Bible classes and serving the church.

She was born June 18, 1903 in Fort Wayne to Henry D. and Emma Louis (Mesing) Rose. She married Henry E. Buuck Sept. 18, 1929, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death July 5, 1989.

Surviving are three daughters, Kathleen Rose Forker of Ithaca, N.Y., Mary Ellen Koch of Lewiston, Calif., and Barbara Ann Goetz of Playa del Rey, Calif.; two sons-in-law; nine grandsons; a granddaughter; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were April 27 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pomona. Burial was April 26 at Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Calif.

Memorials are to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pomona, or the Alhambra Retirement Home, Alhambra.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct a misspelling.

Paul Lafevor

AVILLA — Paul F. Lafevor, 82, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Mr. Lafevor retired in 1983 from Tokheim in Fort Wayne with 33 years of service. He was a lifelong Avilla resident.

He was born April 7, 1920, in DeKalb County to John and Edna (Heitz) Lafevor.

Mr. Lafevor

He married Fern Liddle on June 17, 1944, in Bright, Ind. She died in April 1990.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Kay Lafevor of Avilla and Delmar and Ruth Lafevor of Sanford, Mich.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Edna and Gary Rapp of Churubusco, and Delores Lafevor of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Garrett Nazarene Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Pastor David Farling will officiate. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, the Garrett Nazarene Church or the Gideons International Bible Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett was in charged of arrangements.

Florence Bauder

HOWE — Florence Bauder died Sunday, May 26, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

Anna Ochoa

FORT WAYNE — Anna E. Ochoa, 76, died Sunday, May 26, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ochoa owned the Ochoa Mexican restaurants in Rome City and Ligonier. She worked for 10 years as a cook at Blackie's Coral Rib Bar. She was a member of the Spiritualist Church of Divine Science.

She was born Oct. 25, 1925, in Flowerfield, Mich., to Nettie Mae Wilson. She married Henry Ochoa in Galesburg, Mich. He preceded her in death in 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Catherine Ochoa of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; a sister, Edna Shelton of Cadillac, Mich.; and two brothers, Roland Van Allen of Arcola and John Van Allen of Cadillac.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Thursday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Warsaw. The Rev. Jay Fisher will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Church of Divine Science or to the family.

Marie Mieth

CHURUBUSCO — Marie Dorothy Mieth, 82, died Wednesday, May 22, 2002, at her home.

Mrs. Mieth worked at the former Green Grill in Churubusco from 1978 until her retirement in 1980. She was a member of the Churubusco American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 8, 1919, in St. Charles, Mo.

Mrs. Mieth

She married Donald Mieth Dec. 31, 1971. She and Mr. Mieth resided in Muncie until his death in 1977, after which she moved to Churubusco.

There are no immediate survivors.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. E. Vaughn Powell will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling is two hours prior to services.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Linda Burks

KENDALLVILLE — Linda F. Burks, 56, died Monday, May 27, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Robert Smith

COLUMBIA CITY — Robert Lee Smith, 63, died Saturday, May 25, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith was a disabled U.S. Army veteran.

He was born in Norwood, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Mavis Smith; two sons, Daniel Smith of Temperance, Mich., and David Lee Smith of Bethel, Ohio; a stepson, Kevin Howland of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a stepdaughter, Lucinda Mitchell of Otsego, Mich.; his mother, Lucy Lee Smith of Columbia City; two brothers, Frank Edward Smith of Kimmell and the Rev. Arthur Lawrence Smith of Albion, Mich.; a sister, the Rev. Linda Tidrow of Pulaski, Tenn.; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be in Thorne Cemetery in rural Wilmot.

There is no calling.

Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA May 29, 2002

Charles Hedges

FORT WAYNE–Charles F. "Chic" Hedges, 85, died Monday, May 20, 2002, in Heritage Park Health Care Center at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hedges was a layout man with Fruehauf for 35 years, retiring in 1982. He also retired from Hall's Restaurants after 20 years. He lived in Fort Wayne and was a charter member of the St. Joe Athletic Club. He was a member of Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church. He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Audra, of Fort Wayne, a daughter, Becky of Milton of Fort Wayne; a son, Steven C. Willett of Angola; one sister, Violet Exner of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Louis and Calvin Hedges, both of Fort Wayne, and Jerry Hedges of Albion; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Jeff A. Hedges in 1978 and Frederick S. Willett in 1993; a sister, Bertha Gross; and four brothers, Park, Hubert, Jim and Carl Hedges.

Services were held on Friday, May 24, 2002 in D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, in fort Wayne. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church.

Lovinna A. Fruchey, 96

COLUMBIA CITY – Lovinna A. Fruchey, 96, a former resident of Big Lake, died at 1:00 p.m. Thursday May 24, 2002 at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City where she had been a resident since August 1995.

She was born September 4, 1905 in Grass Lake, Michigan, a daughter of Edgar and Maggie Havens Scripter. Her formative years were spent in Michigan. She graduated from Mason High School and received a degree in business from International Business College in Fort Wayne.

After completing her education, she was employed by the Fort Wayne Printing Company until her marriage on December 29, 1928 to Benton S. Fruchey and they made their first home in Whitley County. Since 1932, they have resided on the same farm in Noble Township, Noble County, near Big Lake. Mr. Fruchey preceded her in death on June 5, 1974.

She was a member of the Big Lake Church of God and the Sugar and Spice Home Extension Club.

The surviving relatives include three daughters, Jean Ann Brown, Carmel, Mrs. Howard (Arlene) Briggs-Rex, Columbia City, Mrs. Roger (Joan) Geiger, Big Lake; a son, Joseph S. (Eva) Fruchey, Cottonwood, Arizona; 11 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; six step grandchildren; 13 step great grandchildren; 5 step great great grandchildren; a brother, Phillip Scripter, Mason, Michigan; a sister, Margaret Daniels, Springport, Michigan and sister-in-laws, Itha McKown, Columbia City, Geraldine Scripter, Virginia, Elvira Scripter and Bonnie Scripter both of Lainsburg, Michigan.

Lovinna S. Fruchey

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Mary Jane and Alma Jeanette; a grandson; a great great grand daughter; five brothers, Howard, Frank, Lawton, Lewis and James Scripter, two sisters, Irene Grable and Ellen Koons.

The funeral service was held in Monday, May 27, 2002 in the Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Stephen Briggs of Binghamton, New York, grandson of Mrs. Fruchey, officiating. The burial was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Big Lake Church of God.

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Margaret Johnson, 66

ALBION – Margaret Johnson, 66, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker and a member of Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was born June 6, 1934, in Littcar, Ky., to Cody Martin and Madeline Thornsberry. She married Patrick Henry Johnson July 20, 1970, in Hindman, Ky. He preceded her in death Oct. 11, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Arthur Ramsing of Michigan and Deloris and Bill Threet of West Baden Springs; four sons and three daughters-in-law, David and Betty Dove of Indiana, Earl and Theresa Dove and Melvin Dove, addresses unknown; two stepdaughters, Cassie Fair of Ohio and Betty Johnson of Kentucky; three sisters, Connie Milliman of Albion, Mildred Martin of Wolcottville and Rendy Hughes of Greenville; two brothers, Carlewis Martin and Silas Martin, both of Softshell, Ky.; a half sister, Millie Mullins of Michigan; a half brother, Langus Martin of Kentucky; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were Friday, May 24, 2002 at Hindman Funeral Services in Hindman. Burial was in Johnson Cemetery in Littcar.

Harold Voirol

HARLAN – Harold E. Voirol, 81, died at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Voirol worked for Zollner Corp., retiring after 31 years. He was born in Fort Wayne and served in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Marie Voirol; a daughter, Theresa Dennie of Pensacola, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Becki Rekeweg of New Haven; a stepson, Mark Voirol of Fort Wayne; a sister, Donna Goldwaithe of Zephyr Hills, Fla.; two brothers, Thomas Voirol and Robert Voirol, both of Albion; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were held on Friday, May 24, 2002 at Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn. Burial was in Christ Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorials are to Christ Lutheran Church.

Kathryn Merriman

ALBION — Kathryn Rose Merriman, 64, died early today, Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at her home.

Mrs. Merriman and her husband, Donald Merriman, were retired and wintered in Florida, but most recently owned Kehr Iron in LaGrange. She was a member of the American Legion Post 246 Auxiliary, the Eagles Auxiliary and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and Sodality, all in Albion.

Mrs. Merriman

She was born Jan. 7, 1938, in Albion, to John and Mildred (Cook) Moorhouse. She graduated from Albion High School in 1956. She married Mr. Merriman Dec. 19, 1956. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mona Rose and Bill Kesling of Avilla, Amanda Beth and Brian Geiger of Wolf Lake and Regina Jo Weeks of Albion; one son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Sally Merriman of Albion; three brothers, Edward, John and Joseph Moorhouse, all of Albion; one sister, Anita Peters of Albion; and 13 grandchildren.

Calling is Friday with times to be announced at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Twila Witte

WOLCOTTVILLE — Twila Ruth (Schweikert) Witte, 83, died Tuesday, May 28, 2002.

Mrs. Witte worked as an industrial nurse for Goodyear Aerospace until 1945 and again from 1971 to 1982, when she retired. She was a member of the Mercy Hospital Honor Society and Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church in rural Wolcottville. She enjoyed fishing and gardening.

She was born Nov. 7, 1918, in Canton, Ohio, to James S. and Emma Margaret (Sherer) Ake. She graduated from East Canton High School in 1936 and Timken Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in 1939. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert L. Schweikert, who died in 1972.

Surviving are her husband, Paul A. Witte of Wolcottville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Ruth Ann and Russ Kullman of St. Petersburg, Fla., Dora Jean Boyd and Gail and Roger Nicholas, all of Akron, Ohio; three grandchildren, Todd Miller, Jennifer Martin and Kindra Boyd; a great-granddaughter, Jadzia Martin; five stepchildren, Darla Samra, Larry and Nedra Witte and Jean and Stephen Parnin; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are noon northeast Indiana time Saturday at Billow Fairlawn Chapel in Akron, Ohio. The Rev. Richard Frederick will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Burial Park.

Calling is two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or donor's choice.

Zelma Price

KENDALLVILLE — Zelma Price, 94, died early today, Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Mary and Patrick Nixon

KENDALLVILLE — Joint graveside services for Mary Lea Nixon and her son, Dale Patrick "Pat" Nixon, are 1:30 p.m. Friday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Father Jacob Gall will officiate.

Mary Nixon died Feb. 17, 2002, at DeKalb Hospital in Auburn. She was 82.

Dale Nixon died Feb. 26, 2002, at his home in Brazil, Ind. He was 56.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Florence Bauder

HOWE — Florence E. Bauder, 77, died Sunday, May 26, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bauder worked for Sturgis Molded Products in Sturgis, Mich., retiring in 1989 after 22 years.

She was born Oct. 15, 1924, in Coldwater, Mich., to Clarence Fenno and Lillie Crist. She married George B. Bauder Dec. 5, 1952. Mr. Bauder preceded her in death in 1981. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Tempie Yearling, who died in 1990.

Surviving are a son, Michael Bauder of Howe; a brother-in-law, Ray O. Bauder Jr. of Kentucky; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

No services are scheduled. Cremation will take place, with burial of remains in Riverside Cemetery at a later date.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

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Paige Johnson

LAGRANGE — Paige Zenae Johnson, 3 months, died Sunday, May 26, 2002, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born Feb. 12, 2002, in LaGrange, to Dion and Patricia (Bennett) Johnson. They survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are paternal grandparents Denny and Diane Johnson of LaGrange; maternal grandmother Barbara Bennett of Indianapolis; paternal great-grandmothers Elizabeth Johnson of LaGrange and Juanita Emmons of Logansport; maternal great-grandparents Richard and Dorris Shultz of Miller; a sister; and an aunt, Melissa Bennett of Colorado.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Chris Denney will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is two hours prior to services and 4 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital Cancer Unit.

Dana Booth

KENDALLVILLE — Dana Jean Booth died Tuesday, May 28, 2002, at her rural Kendallville home.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Linda Burks

KENDALLVILLE — Linda F. Burks, 56, died Monday, May 27, 2002, at Hospice of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

She worked as a caregiver for the elderly and as a nurse's aid. She attended Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Greg Warrix and Jeff and Donna Warrix, all of Kendallville, Kenny and Terri Warrix of Avilla and William Marshall Jr. of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Charlie Conley of Kendallville and Buford Conley of Topmost, Ky.; a sister, Wanda Donovan of Kendallville; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jimmy; and a granddaughter, Jennifer.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Lee Combs will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Brimfield.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Barbara Falk

WARREN — Barbara J. Falk, 68, died Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at her home.

Mrs. Falk was a licensed practical nurse and worked for United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren and at other jobs in Indiana and Florida.

She was born in Salamonie and graduated from Ivy Tech.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen L. Falk, who died in 1999.

Surviving are three sons, Mark Shuttleworth of Landess, Michael Shuttleworth of Huntington and Matt Shuttleworth of Warren; three daughters, Dawn Elope of Kimmell, Jennifer Minick of Roanoke and Ann Dunn of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Rita Mayer of Bluffton, Kelli Merriman of Ossian and Lori Angel of Ligonier; two stepsons, James and Tracy Ealk, both of Bluffton; two brothers, Robert Beavans of Bluffton and Burlin Beavans of McNatt; a sister, Becky Shovlin of Tennessee; 12 grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Services are 3 p.m. Saturday at United Church of Christ in Warren. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren.

Memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana in Berne.

Dana Booth

KENDALLVILLE — Dana Jean Booth, 67, died Tuesday, May 28, 2002, at her rural Kendallville home.

Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Booth worked as a certified nurse's assistant at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born April 7, 1935, in Mousie, Ky., to Troy and Rachel (Tuttle) Sparkman. She married Ellis Ray Booth in 1959. He preceded her in death in 1980. She was also preceded in death by four brothers and four sisters.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Luke Halbert of McDowell, Ky., and Dolly and Rick Deetz of Stroh; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby and Melissa Booth and Troy and Renee Booth, all of Kendallville; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Edna Osborn of Olive Hill, Ky.; and two brothers, Willie Sparkman of Corunna and Lee Sparkman of Kendallville.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon. Elders Russel Hicks, Morris Wicker and Larry Dixon will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. today at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville and after 2 p.m. Friday at the church. A special evening service is 7 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

The following obituary is being republished to provide additional information about services and calling.

Kathryn Merriman

ALBION — Kathryn Rose Merriman, 64, died Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at her home.

Mrs. Merriman and her husband, Donald Merriman, were retired and wintered in Florida, but most recently owned Kehr Midwest Iron in LaGrange. She was a member of the Albion American Legion Post 246 Auxiliary, the Albion Eagles Auxiliary, Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301 Auxiliary and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

Mrs. Merriman

She was born Jan. 7, 1938, in Galesburg, Ill., to John and Mildred Koch Bortner. She graduated from Albion-Jefferson High School in 1950. She married Mr. Merriman Dec. 19, 1956, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Ligonier. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Monna Rose and Bill Kesling of Avilla, Amanda Beth and Brian Geiger of Wolf Lake and Regina Jo Weeks of Albion; one son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Sally Merriman of Albion; three brothers, Edward, John and Joseph Moorhouse, all of Albion; one sister, Anita Peters of Albion; and 13 grandchildren, Nicholas, Bridgett and Zachary Kestling, Amber, Casey, Joshua and Reid Gieger, Gavin, Simon and Lucas Weeks, and Miles, Alice and Nila Merriman.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Father Babasino Fernandes will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling is one hour prior to services Saturday at the church and 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Memorials are to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

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Wilbur Hawk

HOWE — Wilbur C. Hawk, 88, died Tuesday, May 28, 2002, at Kingston Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mr. Hawk was a farmer.

He was born March 12, 1914, in Mongo to Eli and Lulu (Sisson) Hawk. He married Margaret Neihardt April 5, 1941, in Auburn. She preceded him in death June 11, 1983. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Vicki Tschannan, who died in 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Keith and Michael Hawk, both of Howe; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Clifford Smith of Three Rivers, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. The Rev. Rodger Strong will officiate. Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is 12:30 to 2 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Zelma Price

KENDALLVILLE — Zelma E. Price, 94, died Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Price was a homemaker, a member of Beacon Baptist Church in Kendallville and a former member of Moose Lodge 1301 Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Price

She was born Aug. 5, 1907, in Noble County, to Branch and Emma (Hepmenburger) Wenner.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, George A. Swank, who died July 24, 1954; her second husband, Charles Price, who died Feb. 22, 1979; a brother, Charles Wenner; and a sister, Gertrude Swank.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Janis Swank of Kendallville; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Bonnie and Delmer Sutton of South Milford and Linda Price of Kendallville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Wilma and Harry Carlson of Kokomo and Bonnie and Burton Chapman of California; a grandchild; seven stepgrandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Beacon Baptist Church in Kendallville.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Charles Harp

LAGRANGE — Charles L. Harp, 79, died Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

A lifelong resident of LaGrange, Mr. Harp worked as a tool grinder at Machine-Rite Products in LaGrange from 1960 to 1992, when he retired. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Plato Methodist Church and LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

He was born July 24, 1922, in LaGrange to Charles Dallas and Hazel M. (Caldwell) Harp. He married Veda M. Heltzel Jan. 8, 1949, in LaGrange. Mrs. Harp preceded him in death Aug. 11, 1989. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Donald Harp; and a sister, Vivian Greenwich.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Jerry Fair of LaGrange and Charlene and Bill Eller of Greenville, Texas; a son, Keith L. Harp of Fort Wayne; a brother, William Harp of Clearwater, Fla.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Burkett Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Plato Methodist Church.

Ronald Yoder

HOWE — Ronald E. Yoder, 56, died Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at his home.

Mr. Yoder, a lifelong resident of LaGrange County, worked as a lab technician at Ross Laboratories in Sturgis, Mich. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of First Church of God in LaGrange.

He was born March 30, 1946, in Sturgis, to Ray L. and Catharine (Machemer) Yoder. He married Sharon Kay Yoder June 24, 1967, in West Lebanon. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kristina K. Yoder of LaGrange; three sons, Gregory J. and Timothy R. Yoder, both of Fort Wayne, and Eric B. Yoder of LaGrange; two brothers, Charles R. Yoder of LaGrange and Richard A. Yoder of Howe; and seven grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at First Church of God in LaGrange. The Revs. Brian VanOsdol and Gary Riffenburg will officiate. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Sue Ellen's Bears in Stevensville, Mich.

Hubert Smith

HOWE — Hubert Smith, 83, died Thursday, May 30, 2002, at Goshen General Hospital.

The former Howe resident lived in Goshen.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Linda F. Burks** were 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Lee Combs officiated.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Brimfield. Pallbearers were Chad, Adam, Josh, Jeffrey, Joe and Dustin Warrix and Eric Marshall.

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Allen Eash

LAGRANGE — Allen H. Eash, 59, died Friday, May 31, 2002, at Life Care Center of LaGrange after a lengthy illness.

He had lived in the area all his life. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born April 2, 1943, in LaGrange County to Harvey and Mary (Troyer) Eash.

Surviving are six sisters and brothers-in-law, Verna and Chris Bontrager, Anna and Ralph Schrock, Katie and Elmer Bontrager and Lettie and William Bontrager, all of LaGrange, and Mary and Joe Miller and Wilma and Mahlon Miller, all of Shipshewana; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Edna Eash of Topeka and Mervin and Gertie Eash of Shipshewana; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Edna Lehman and Elizabeth and Alice Eash, and four brothers, Raymond, Ervin and Freeman Eash and Harvey Eash Jr.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Floyd Lehman home, 3785S C.R. 300W, LaGrange. Bishop LeRoy Turner will officiate. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is after noon today and all day Sunday at the Elmer Bontrager home, 4310S C.R. 300W, LaGrange.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Zelma E. Price** were 11 a.m. Friday, May 31, 2002, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Ron Stratman officiated.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Pallbearers were Rex Swank, Jeff Sutton, Joel Franks, Paul Pankop and Sam and Steve Stratman.

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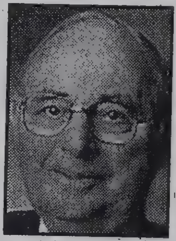
SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2002

Wayne Conrad

ASHLEY — Wayne Conrad, 81, died Friday, May 31, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. at his home in Ashley.


Mr. Conrad

Mr. Conrad was a lifetime farmer. He graduated from Ashley High School in 1939 and was a lifetime member of Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church. He was recognized in 1998 for his involvement with the Indiana Crop Improvement Association as a 50-year member of the agricultural seed industry.

He was born Oct. 11, 1920, in DeKalb County, to James and Dorothy (Lockhart) Conrad.

He married Eleanor Orwig on Nov. 6, 1941, at her home in Corunna, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Betty Conrad of Waterloo and Joel and Lynda Conrad of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Joyce Conrad of Ashley; a brother, James "Corky" Conrad of Ashley; a sister, Mary Ann Ferebee of Windermere, Fla.; four grandchildren, Jack, Kathryn, Karia and Kevin Conrad; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Conrad.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Dr. Darvin Suter officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church, the American Lung Association or Cameron Hospital Home Health Care and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Donald M. Austin

WOLCOTTVILLE — Donald M. Austin, 55, of Wolcottville, died Friday, May 31, 2002, at 8:15 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Austin was a veteran of the U.S. Army Airborne Division, serving from June 1966 to June 1969. He was a truck driver for Mollering Construction in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 4, 1947, in Kendallville, to Kenneth and Macille (Brown) Austin.

Surviving are two sons, Dustin Austin of Austin, Texas and Devin Austin of Alexandria, La.; two brothers, Kenneth Austin of Fort Wayne and Monte Austin of Stroh; and a sister, Patty Courtney of Wolcottville.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Florence Simon Smith

NOBLESVILLE — Florence Simon Smith, 75, a former resident of Allen County and rural Garrett, and more recently a resident of Noblesville, died Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at 9:38 p.m. at her residence. She had been in declining health for the past six months.

A 25-year employee of International Harvester in Fort Wayne, Mrs. Smith retired as a keypunch operator there in 1985. She was a graduate of Huntertown High School and a member of the Carmel Lutheran Church.

She was born Oct. 24, 1926, in Allen County, to Harry and Treva (Liechty) Fritz.

She was married in 1946 to Donald M. Simon, and he preceded her in death in 1970.

Her marriage to Charles W. Smith was on Oct. 14, 1972. The couple lived south of Garrett most of their married life. He preceded her in death on Feb. 12, 1994. Mrs. Smith then moved to Noblesville to be near her daughter.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Fred Goldstein of Noblesville; a son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. Steve Simon and Dottie Simon of West Dundee, Ill.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and George Dunten and Delores and Melvin Kuehnert, all of Fort Wayne; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard H. and Alice Fritz, Alvin W. and Jean Fritz and Kenneth P. and Barbara Fritz, all of Fort Wayne, and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Steve Simon officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling is Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome. com.

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Roberta DeArmond

FORT WAYNE — Roberta J. DeArmond, 88, died Sunday, June 2, 2002, at Lutheran Home.

Mrs. DeArmond owned and operated Brudi's Catering Service.

She was born in Detroit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bryce.

Surviving are a son, James Kiermaier of Wolcottville; a daughter, Cheryl Rockman of Evansville; two stepsons, Fred and Jay DeArmond, both of The Villages, Fla.; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services are noon Wednesday at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the church.

Bessie Castator

LIGONIER — Bessie Wilhelmina Castator, 87, died Saturday, June 1, 2002, at Kingston Health Care Center in Ligonier.

Mrs. Castator was a homemaker.

She was born May 8, 1915, in Kendallville to Emil and Caroline Catherine Helen (Engle) Bloomfield. She married LeRoy Castator Dec. 12, 1936, in West Fairfield. He preceded her in death Dec. 11, 1974. She was also preceded in death by a son, Jack LeRoy Castator, and four brothers, Melvin, Amos, John and Clarence Bloomfield.

Surviving are three daughters, Sharon Rose Elkins of Orville, Wash., Mary Conrad of Ligonier and Debra Eshem of Chester, Va.; a daughter-in-law, Alice Castator of Arizona; a sister, Catherine Lucille Wilson of Butler; a brother, Robert Bloomfield of Golden Valley, Calif.; seven grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 7 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be at a later date in Pilot Butte Cemetery in Bend, Ore.

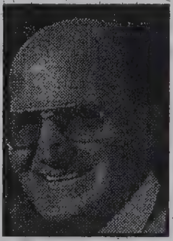
Calling is 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Mearl Hawkins Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Mearl E. Hawkins Sr., 84, died Saturday, June 1, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Before retiring in 1982, Mr. Hawkins worked as a route salesman for Allen Dairy. During World War II, he worked at Flint & Walling Manufacturing in Kendallville. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Kendallville.



Mr. Hawkins

He was born Feb. 17, 1918, in North Dakota to Rolla and Dora (Gares) Hawkins. He married Mary A. Huff March 30, 1940, in Kendallville. She preceded him in death April 11, 1996. He was also preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Surviving are four sons, Mearl Hawkins Jr. of Austin, Texas, James Hawkins of Minneapolis, Minn., Ron Hawkins of Kendallville and Randy Hawkins of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren, Ben and Aaron Hawkins, both of Kendallville, Angie Hawkins and Amy Austin, both of Fort Wayne, and Michael and Kiel Hawkins, both of Minneapolis.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Frank Corder II

KENDALLVILLE — Frank G. Corder II, 77, died Sunday, June 2, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Corder worked for Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 26 years, retiring in 1987. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion.

He was born Feb. 20, 1925, in Toledo, Ohio, to Frank G. Corder I and Clara (Woessmer) Corder. He married Peggey Jean Darling in 1942. She preceded him in death in February 2001. He married Beverly Jean Hisey in 1947 in Angola. She preceded him in death Aug. 25, 1990. His third marriage was June 12, 1993, to Doris M. Kelley. She preceded him in death Nov. 17, 2000. He was also preceded in death by a grandson, a great-granddaughter and a sister, Mary.

Surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Frank Corder III and Mary Corder of Toledo, Terry Hisey of Kendallville, David Kelley of Albion and Robert Kelley of Rome City; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sue Ann and Ron Crane of Toledo and Kelley Sillaway of LaOtto; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Mike McKinney will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Grover Crowder

COLUMBIA CITY — Grover Clayton Crowder, 76, died Monday, June 3, 2002, at home.

Before retiring in 1988, Mr. Crowder worked for 20 years as supervisor of production at Memcor-E-Systems in Huntington. He also worked for 12 years as a manufacturing technician at Monsanto in Ligonier. Following his retirement he worked part-time at Diversitech in Columbia City.

He attended the Church of Christ in Columbia City and was a member of the Columbia City Lions Club. He was a former member of the South Whitley Lions Club and served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946. In 1955 he moved to Ligonier and in 1971 relocated to Columbia City.

He was born Nov. 9, 1925, in Charleston, W.V., to Robert Thomas and Julia Rebecca (Abston) Crowder. He was raised in Charleston, graduating from Dupont High School in 1944. He married Imogene Juanita Myers Nov. 8, 1947, in Charleston. She survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Karen Crowder of Ligonier and Walter and Joy Crowder of Columbia City; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ilene and Ron Swank of White Pigeon, Mich., and Barbara and Anthony Caskey of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Homer and Lorraine Crowder of South Whitley; and a sister and brother-in-law, Opal and Herman Newman of Charleston.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Sara Kay Caskey.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Pastor Jack Hierholzer of the Church of Christ and retired Church of God pastor Carroll McNutt will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. The U.S. Navy will conduct military graveside services.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Whitley Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.demoneygrimes.com.

Betty Treesh

AVILLA — Betty M. (Weible) Treesh, 62, died Sunday, June 2, 2002, at her sister-in-law's home in rural Albion.

Mrs. Treesh, formerly a 37-year resident of Edgerton, Ohio, was a homemaker. She also worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier. She was a member of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Merriam.

She was born June 19, 1939, in Mongo to Walter Laurel and Rebecca Lucille (Steffe) Weible. She married Thomas Elmer Treesh Dec. 1, 1962, in Garrett. He preceded her in death Dec. 5, 1999. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Walter Wayne Weible, who died in 2000; and Richard Lewis Weible, who died in 1990.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy Laurel and Sandra Ann Treesh of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Machelle Auline and Danny Mason of Hudson; a sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Raymond Miller of Albion; three grandchildren, Ian and Kimberly Howe and Chayton Mason; and two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Jean Weible of Baroda, Mich., and Betty Weible of Merriam.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Pastor George Cecil will officiate. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery in rural Albion.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Cornerstone Wesleyan Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Clarence Barnhart

CHURUBUSCO — Clarence A. Barnhart, 85, died Sunday, June 2, 2002, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Barnhart worked as a farmer and auctioneer. He also drove a school bus.

Mr. Barnhart

He was a graduate of Churubusco High School and, in 1956, of Repperts Auctioneering School, and was a charter member and deacon of Agape Church of the Brethren. He served four terms on the Green Township Advisory Board, two terms as trustee of Timbercrest Retirement Home and was past president of Churubusco Rotary Club.

He was born Dec. 10, 1916, in Noble County to William C. and Nellie M. (Geiger) Barnhart. He married Gladys "Lucile" Pepple Jan. 1, 1936, in Wabash County. She survives in Churubusco.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Lou and Bart LeFever of Elkhart; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Kathy Barnhart of Churubusco; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Two sisters, Eva Pfleidner and Marguerite Young, preceded him in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Agape Church of the Brethren, Fort Wayne. Pastor Keith Simmons will officiate. Burial will be in River View Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to the Agape Church of the Brethren building fund.

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Hubert Smith

HOWE — Hubert Smith, 83, died Thursday, May 30, 2002, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Smith was a farmer.

He graduated from Lima High School and attended Purdue University.

He was born May 1, 1919, in Howe to Hubert Smith Sr. and Vern (Parrish) Smith. He married Beatrice Newman in 1940 and she preceded him in death in 1987. He married Winifred Mock Sept. 13, 1988, in LaGrange. She survives in Goshen.

Also surviving are two stepsons and their wives, Ron and Becky Middleton of Goshen and Mark and Susan Mock of Denver, Colo.; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Shirley and Don Peeples of Phoenix, Ariz., and Patricia and Denny Hover of Warsaw; a sister, Virginia Smith of Santa Rosa, Calif.; and 13 stepgrandchildren.

Memorial services are 1 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. The Rev. Dexter Garman will officiate. Burial of cremains will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Roger Pence

CHURUBUSCO — Roger L. Pence died Monday, June 3, 2002, at home.

Among those surviving are his wife, Betty Pence; a daughter, Debra Rohrer of Churubusco; and a son, Jim Pence of Churubusco.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Betty Mendenhall

ANGOLA — Betty J. "BJ" Mendenhall, 79, died Sunday, June 2, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mrs. Mendenhall was a homemaker.

She was born in Sturgis, Mich.

Surviving are her husband, Harold "Gene" Mendenhall; four sons, Michael J. Bir of Fort Wayne, Roger W. Bir of Langley Air Force Base, Va., and Randy E. and Douglas Mendenhall, both of Angola; two daughters, Terri S. Gray of Ossian and Carla Hollaway of Angola; two brothers, Roger D. Jorn of Lakeworth, Fla., and Fred Jorn Jr. of Indian Town, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Diane K. Bir.

Private family services will take place.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Arrangements are by the Northeast Indiana Cremation Society.

Joanne Shupe

FORT WAYNE — Joanne Shupe, 55, died Sunday, June 2, 2002, at home.

She was born in Philadelphia and was a former employee of Peerless Cleaners.

Surviving are a son, Thomas Hammond of Fremont; two daughters, Karen Stevenson-Hammond of Fort Wayne and Karrol Burns of Avilla; a sister, Linda Addis of Florida; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Ciarrocchi.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to the family.

Roger Pence

CHURUBUSCO — Roger L. Pence, 78, died Monday, June 3, 2002, at home.

Before retiring in 1976, Mr. Pence worked for International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 30 years. He also farmed in Smith Township for all of his adult life.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of First Eel River Baptist Church south of Churubusco, serving as a church trustee for many years. He was also a former member of the Eel River Cemetery board of trustees.

Mr. Pence

He was born Jan. 19, 1924, in Flint, Mich., to Joseph Carl and Ruth E. (Van Meter) Pence. During his childhood he moved with his parents to a farm in Smith Township, southwest of Churubusco, and was educated in Churubusco schools. He married Betty Drake May 23, 1951, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Ron Rohrer of Churubusco; a son, Jim Pence of Churubusco; a sister, Loretta Adams of Clifton, Colo.; and two grandchildren, Joseph and Sara Pence, both of Churubusco.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Mortuary in Churubusco. The Rev. Doyle R. Carpenter will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco. The U.S. Army will perform graveside rites.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Harlan Hursey

SYRACUSE — Harlan N. Hursey, 44, died Monday, June 3, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hursey was co-owner of Hursey Construction in Cromwell. He also operated a lawn care service.

He was a graduate of Wawasee High School, a member of Lakeside Chapel at Lake Wawasee and enjoyed fishing, hunting and bird-watching.

He was born June 24, 1957, in LaGrange to Dwain "Bill" and Caralee J. (Ott) Hursey. His father preceded him in death Sept. 13, 1987. His mother survives in Syracuse. He married Renee Anglin Oct. 15, 1977. She survives in Syracuse.

Also surviving are a daughter, Samantha Hursey of Syracuse; a son, Curtis Hursey of Syracuse; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Clinton and Johanna Hursey of Larwill and Timothy Hursey of Syracuse; a sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia and Meadowlark Lemon of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Wawasee Lakeside Chapel. The Revs. Harlan Steffen and Donald Poyser will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling follows services at the church.

Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Kosciusko County Foundation.

Taulbee Walters

CROMWELL — Taulbee M. Walters, 42, died Monday, June 3, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries suffered in a house fire.

Mr. Walters worked for Skyline Corp. in Goshen.

He resided in northern Indiana since 1983, when he moved from Kentucky.

He was born June 24, 1959, in Columbus, Ohio, to Gene S. and Patricia (Miller) Walters. His mother survives in Paintsville, Ky. His father preceded him in death. He married Jacqueline Fairchild June 26, 1978. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Misty Dawn Walters of Warsaw; a son, Taulbee M. Walters II of Paintsville; three grandchildren; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Leslie and George Golden of North Webster, Tamra and William Spencer of Warsaw, Carmen and Kenneth Fraley of Pierceton and Dawn and Robert Spears of Paintsville; and two brothers, Terry and Eddrel Stuart Walters, both of Warsaw.

Services are 1 p.m. Friday at Jones and Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville. Burial will be in Walters Family Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel in Syracuse.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Frank G. Corder II** were 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Mike McKinney will officiate.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were Eric Smith, John Dixon, Rory Robbins, Davi Hisey, Tim Sillaway and Dave Kelly.

News Sun Wed June 5-2002

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct erroneous information regarding family members of the deceased.

Bessie Castator

LIGONIER — Bessie Wilhelmina Castator, 87, died Saturday, June 1, 2002, at Kingston Health Care Center in Ligonier.

Mrs. Castator was a homemaker.

She was born May 8, 1915, in Kendallville to Emil and Caroline Catherine Helen (Engle) Bloomfield. She married Basil LeRoy Castator Dec. 12, 1936, in West Fairfield. He preceded her in death Dec. 11, 1974. She was also preceded in death by a son, Jack LeRoy Castator, and four brothers, Melvin, Amos, John and Clarence Bloomfield.

Surviving are three daughters, Sharon Rose Elkins of Orville, Wash., Mary Conrad of Ligonier and Debra Eshem of Chester, Va.; a daughter-in-law, Alice Castator of Golden Valley, Ariz.; a sister, Catherine Lucille Wilson of Butler; a brother, Robert Bloomfield of California; seven grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 7 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be at a later date in Pilot Butte Cemetery in Bend, Ore.

Calling is 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

ALBION NEW ERA June 5, 2002

Clarence A. Barnhart, 85

CHURUBUSCO -- Clarence A. Barnhart, 85, died Sunday, June 2, 2002, at 7:15 p.m. in University Park Nursing Center, Fort Wayne.

He was born December 10, 1916 in Noble County to William C. Barnhart and Nellie M. Geiger Barnhart. He graduated from Churubusco High School and went on to Repperts Auctioneering School, graduating in 1956. On January 1, 1936, he married Gladys "Lucile" Pepple Barnhart.

He was a charter member and deacon of Agape Church of the Brethren, served four terms on the Green Township Advisory Board, two terms as Trustee of the Timbercrest Retirement Home, was past president of the Churubusco Rotary Club and drove a school bus.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys "Lucile" Barnhart of Churubusco; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Lou and Bart LeFever of Elkhart and one son and daughter-in-law, William & Kathy Barnhart of Churubusco; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Eva Pfleidner and Marguerite Young.

Visitation is today from 2-8 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until services at 10:30 in Agape Church of the Brethren at 11610 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Keith Simmons officiating.

Burial will follow in River View Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Agape Church Building Fund.

Kathryn Rose Merriman, 64

ALBION – Kathryn Rose Merriman, 64, died at her home on Skinner Lake at 1:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2002. She was a lifetime resident of the community. Mrs. Merriman and her husband Donald Merriman, were retired and wintered in Florida, but most recently owned Kehr Midwest Iron in LaGrange.

She was born on January 7, 1938 in Galesburg, IL to John Moorehouse and Mildred (Koch) Bortner. On December 19, 1956 in Ligonier at St. Patrick Catholic Church she married Donald L. Merriman, he survives.

She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Aux. #246, the Albion Eagles Aux. in Albion and the Moose Lodge Aux. 1301 in Kendallville.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Donald A. (Dube) and Sally Merriman of Albion; three daughters and two son-in-laws, Mona Rose and Bill Kesling of Avilla, Amanda Beth and Brian Geiger of Wolf Lake, and Regina Weeks of Albion; thirteen grandchildren, Nicholas, Bridgett, and Zachary Kesling; Amber, Casey, Joshua and Reid Geiger; Gavin, Simon and Lucas Weeks; Miles, Alice and Nila Merriman; three brothers, Joe, Ed, and John Moorehouse all of Albion and one sister, Anita Peters of Albion.

Services were held at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion on Saturday, June 1, 2002 with Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery Albion.

Preferred memorials are to the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

Frank Corder II

KENDALLVILLE - Frank G. Corder II, 77, died Sunday, June 2, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Corder worked for Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 26 years, retiring in 1987. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion.

He was born February 20, 1925, in Toledo, Ohio, to Frank G. Corder I and Clara (Woessmer) Corder. He married Peggey Jean Darling in 1942. She preceded him in death in February 2001. He married Beverly Jean Hisey in 1947 in Angola. She preceded him in death Aug. 25, 1990. His third marriage was June 12, 1993, to Doris M. Kelley. She preceded him in death Nov. 17, 2000. He was also preceded in death by a grandson, a great-granddaughter and a sister, Mary.

Surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Frank Corder III and Mary Corder of Toledo, Terry Hisey of Kendallville, David Kelley of Albion and Robert Kelley of Rome City; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sue Ann and Ron Crane of Toledo and Kelley Sillaway of LaOtto; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday, June 4, 2002 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter. Condolences may be e-mailed to: sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Harold Voirol

The following obituary is being republished to correct a Journal Gazette reporting error.

HARLAN – Harold E. Voirol, 81, died at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Voirol worked for Zollner Corp., retiring in 1981 after 28 years. He was born in Fort Wayne and served in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Marie E. Voirol; a daughter, Theresa Dennie of Pensacola, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Becki Rekeweg of New Haven; a stepson, Mark Balogh of Santa Claus; his mother, Myrtle Voirol of Fort Wayne; a sister, Donna Goldwaithe of Zephyr Hills, Fla.; two brothers, Thomas of Zephyrhills, Fla., and Robert Voirol, of Albion; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were held on Friday, May 24, 2002 at Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn. Burial was in Christ Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church's Together in Christ Fund.

THE NEWS-SUN THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2002

James Neuhouser

ALBION — James J. Neuhouser, 49, died today, Thursday, June 6, 2002, at home.

He was born May 19, 1953.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Barbara Harding

AVILLA — Barbara A. Harding, 40, died Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

The lifetime Avilla area resident was a dietary assistant at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, for 25 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla.

She was born Jan. 8, 1962, in Kendallville to Robert and Theresa (Cousino) Harding. Her father survives. Her mother preceded her in death July 23, 1992.

Also surviving are a brother, David Harding of Avilla, and a sister, Sandra Selby of Avilla.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Rev. Daniel Durkin will officiate. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with time arrangements pending, and 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Rosary services are pending.

Memorials are to the Noble County 4-H Horse & Pony Club.

Alice Clark

COLUMBIA CITY — Alice Marie Clark, 80, died Tuesday at Williams Bay Care Center, Williams Bay, Wis.

The Etna native had worked at a woolen mill and an ordnance plant. She served in the Women's Army Corps in World War II.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Kapraun of Harvard, Ill.; a stepdaughter, Imogene Crenshaw of Bartelsville, Okla.; a sister, Marjorie Davidsen of Cromwell; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin O. Clark, in 1958; and a son, John W. Clark.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral home, Columbia City. Burial will be at West Etna Community Cemetery.

Calling is 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Salvation Army Golden Diners, 12 N. Ayer St., Harvard, IL 60033.

Services Held

AVILLA — Services for **Betty Weible Treesh** were 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. George Cecil officiated. Burial was at Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Pallbearers were Rod and Cam Weible, Randy, Kenney and Troy Miller, Joey Howe, Steve Buchs and Dave Vollmer.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Pearl L. Point** were 1 p.m. Friday at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. The Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker officiated.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Lima, Ohio. Pallbearers were Kevin and Eric Point and Jim and Justin Vorbroker.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

LISBON — Services for **Dana Jean Booth** were 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon. Elders Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker and Larry Dixon officiated.

Burial was in Corunna Cemetery. Pallbearers were Adam, Lawrence and Joseph Deetz, A.C. Collins, Mike Conrad, Carlos Sparkman and Troy Booth.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

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Violet Griffith

HOWE — Violet Griffith, 90, died Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at Rosewalk at Luther Woods in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Griffith worked as secretary to the commandant at Howe Military School in Howe starting in 1950. In 1940 she worked on computers for Kroger in Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 17, 1911, in Auburn to Fred and Mamie (Jones) Hay. She married Dennis Griffith Oct. 22, 1947, in Sturgis, Mich. He preceded her in death in 1986.

Surviving are a son, Richard L. Fisher of Indianapolis; a stepson, George R. Griffith of Richmond; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is two hours prior to services.

William Keuneke

LAGRANGE — William "Bill" Keuneke, 72, died Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at home.

Prior to his retirement in 1981, Mr. Keuneke worked as a draftsman for International Harvester Co. for 33 years.

He was born in Mount Healthy, Ohio, and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Keuneke; three brothers, Howard Keuneke of Auburn and Roland and Karl Keuneke, both of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Evelyn Bender of Fort Wayne.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 30 minutes prior to services.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice Home of LaGrange, Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home or Concordia Lutheran Church.

James Neuhouser

ALBION — James J. Neuhouser, 49, died Thursday, June 6, 2002, at home.

Mr. Neuhouser was a truck driver with TFE Dana Fleet of Fort Wayne for 23 years.

He resided in the Albion area for four years, moving there from Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Albion Sons of the American Legion Post 246 and the Albion Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 2455.

He was born May 19, 1953, in Fort Wayne, to Edwin and Violet (Gibson) Neuhouser, both of whom survive in Sarasota, Fla. He married Julie Smolek Aug. 8, 1998, in Noble County. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are three daughters, Jodi Arington of Kendallville, Stacy Spohr of Avilla and Kelly Hart of Huntertown; a son, Jonathan Spohr of Avilla; four grandchildren, Breanna, Abby, Courtney and T.J.; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenny and Norma Neuhouser of Fort Wayne; and a sister and brother-in-law, Vicki and Dennis Cook of Leo.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. The Rev. Brad Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.

Barbara Harding

AVILLA — Barbara A. Harding, 40, died Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

The lifetime Avilla area resident was a dietary assistant at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, for 25 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, the Rosary Society and also volunteered as a bingo worker.

She was born Jan. 8, 1962, in Kendallville to Robert and Theresa (Cousino) Harding. Her father survives with her stepmother, Eleanor Harding, in Avilla. Her mother preceded her in death July 23, 1992.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, David and Rhonda Harding of Avilla; a sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Joseph Selby of Avilla; and eight nieces and nephews, Sean and Amber Harding and Heather, Ashley, Robert, Benjamin, Jackie and Morgan Selby.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Rev. Daniel Durkin will officiate. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. Rosary service is 4 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County 4-H Horse & Pony Club and church Masses.

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John Richardson

FORT WAYNE — John W. Richardson, 78, died Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at the Fort Wayne VA Medical Center.

Mr. Richardson was an auditor with the Internal Revenue Service and a U.S. Army veteran. He was born in Johnson County.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Ann Richardson; five sons, Mark Richardson of Auburn, Andrew P. Richardson and John W. "Jack" Richardson III, both of Fort Wayne, Matthew Richardson of Lansing, Mich., and Luke A. Richardson of Spencerville; five daughters, Mary Gwyn Garcia and Mary Monica Richardson, both of Fort Wayne, Mary Catherine Richardson of Indianapolis, Mary Marguerite Richardson of Louisiana and Mary Therese Wood of Kettering, Ohio; a brother, Kenneth Richardson of Georgia; two sisters, Edna Ginther of Venice, Fla., and Helen Sutton of Indianapolis; 27 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Richardson, who died in 1977.

Private family services will be held.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Bishop Dwenger Endowment Fund.

Homer Hicks

LIGONIER — Homer Hicks, 67, died Thursday, June 6, 2002, at home.

Prior to his retirement in 1997, Mr. Hicks worked for West Noble School Corp. and as a custodian at the Indiana State Police Post in Ligonier. Following his retirement, he worked as a custodian at BRC in Ligonier.

He resided in Ligonier since 1959 and was a member of Bible Baptist Church. He enjoyed playing piano, guitar and gospel music.

He was born May 12, 1935, in War, W.V., to Amos and Frances (Bailey) Hicks. He married Virginia H. Dotson in 1959 in Alexandria, Va. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son, Rick Hicks of Topeka; a daughter, Rose Ray of Churubusco; two sisters, Shirley Searcy of Gastonia, N.C., and Viola McGuire of Manassas Park, Va.; seven brothers, Frank, Monroe and Phillip Hicks, all of Tazewell, Va., Charlie Hicks of Charleston, W.V., Ernest "Ray" Hicks of Colonial Beach, Va., and Freddy and Randy Hicks, both of Gastonia, N.C.; a grandchild, Bobbi Gallardo of Cromwell; and three great-grandchildren, Daniel Ray, Alex Cortez and Jessica Gallardo.

He was preceded in death by a brother and sister.

Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Sonny Stanley and Ovie Mitchell will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Irene Curdes

DECATUR — Irene Curdes, 92, died Thursday, June 6, 2002, at Woodcrest Nursing Center in Decatur.

Prior to her retirement in 1990, Mrs. Curdes worked for the Parkview Hospital pharmacy, L.S. Ayres in Fort Wayne and Mister Donut in Decatur.

She was born in Wells County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Curdes, in 1966.

Surviving are three sisters, Evelyn Ehinger of Fort Wayne, Marcella Freiburger of Zionsville and Mildred Wentland of Garrett; and a brother, Glen Neukom of Garrett.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Decatur Church of God building fund.

Condolences may be e-mailed to funeralinfo@zwickjahn.com.

Allesyn Reynolds

WOLCOTTVILLE — Allesyn Renee Reynolds, infant, died Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born June 4, 2002, in LaGrange, to William J. and Terra L. (Notestine) Reynolds, both of whom survive in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are three grandparents, Mark and Dixie Notestine of LaGrange and Beverly Reynolds of Wolcottville; two great-grandparents, Patsy Needler of Norco, Calif., and Bernice Reynolds of Goshen; and two sisters, Emma Nicole and Cameron Grace Reynolds, both at home.

Graveside services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. The Rev. Mark S. Notestine will officiate. No calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Hicks

GARRETT — Dorothy P. "Dot" Speaker Hicks, 91, died Thursday, June 6, 2002, at 5:20 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Garrett.

Mrs. Hicks

Mrs. Hicks was a homemaker and avid reader. She was a lifetime resident of Kendallville before moving to Garrett four years ago. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in rural Auburn and was a charter member of AARP.

She was born Aug. 18, 1910, in Jefferson Township to Clinton and Ethel (Sever) Robinette.

She married Charles "Stub" Speaker on Aug. 23, 1927. He died July 12, 1956.

She married Charles Hicks on Nov. 27, 1965. He died Feb. 13, 1989.

Surviving are one daughter, Kathie Conrad of Garrett; three sons, Maurice Speaker of Rogersville, Tenn., Terryle Speaker of Las Vegas, Nev., and Lynn Speaker of Minneapolis, Minn.; two brothers, Harold Robinette of Columbia City and Lowell Robinette of Penn Valley, Calif.; two sisters, Florence Drudge of Milford and Bernice Kinsey of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lyle Speaker; a sister, Ferne Bosworth; and a great-grandson, Leland Speaker.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Stuart Kruse officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery of Albion.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Public Library Foundation or Shelter Ministries in Auburn.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Beulah Smith

LAGRANGE — Beulah Mae Smith, 81, of Anderson, and formerly of LaGrange and Wolcottville, died at 5 a.m. Friday, June 7, 2002, at the America Living Center in Anderson.

Mrs. Smith was a retired maintenance employee at Lakeland High School in LaGrange and a member of the Ladies Aid of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

She was born on Jan. 11, 1921, in LaGrange to Frank and Mary (Grim) Poytner, who preceded her in death.

She married to Ova E. Smith on Feb. 15, 1941. Mr. Smith preceded her in death on Oct. 21, 1993.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Leon Hollingsworth of Anderson; one son and daughter-in-law, Phillip and Amber Smith of Kendallville; one sister, Ruby Burger of LaGrange; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A sister, Helen Coty, and brother, Harold Poynter also preceded her in death.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Richard Frederick will officiate. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for Mearl Hawkins Sr. were Thursday, June 6, 2002, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Dwain Patrick officiated. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery in Albion.

Pallbearers were Perry Murphy, Terry Barkey, Kiel Hawkins, Michal Hawkins, Benn Hawkins and Aaron Hawkins.

Diane Norem

FORT WAYNE — Diane Gaff Norem, 55, a Churubusco-area native, died at 8:33 a.m. Friday, June 7, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne as the result of an extended illness.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences can be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Leslie Morgan

KENDALLVILLE — Leslie R. Morgan, 31, died as a result of an extended illness at 7:48 a.m. Thursday, June 6, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Ms. Morgan was a student.

She was born to Kathy (Green) Stills in Fort Bragg, Calif., who survives.

Surviving are her son, Daniel Morgan of Kendallville; her stepfather, Robert Sills of Kendallville; three grandparents, Nancy Green of Fort Bragg, Calif., and Bill and Carol Carey of Mountain View, Mont.; two brothers, Aaron Morgan of Fort Bragg, Calif., and Robert "Bobby" Sills of Auburn; and one sister, Keri Sills of Kendallville.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Restoration Lutheran Church, corner of Mitchell and Riley streets in Kendallville. Pastor Robert Muller will officiate.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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Diane Norem

FORT WAYNE — Diane Gaff Norem, 55, a Churubusco native and Fort Wayne resident, died Friday, June 7, 2002, at 8:33 a.m. at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had been in failing health for some time and had been seriously ill for the past two years.

Mrs. Norem attended St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing and had worked as a licensed practical nurse in several Fort Wayne medical facilities. She also assisted her husband with the operation of Norem Realty Inc. She was a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

Raised in Churubusco, she graduated from Huntertown High School in 1965.

She was born March 20, 1947, in Allen County to Ray L. and Betty (Herr) Gaff. Her mother died March 10, 1999.

She is survived by her husband, Garry L. Norem. They married in 1985 and spent all their marriage as residents of Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are her father and his wife, Ray L. and Katie Gaff of Muncie; a son, Michael Fancher of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Lisa Fancher of Monroeville; and two brothers, Steven L. Gaff of Churubusco and Jeff L. Gaff of Muncie.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., Fort Wayne. The Rev. Donna Goings and the Rev. Phil Emerson will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling will be at the church Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Memorials are to the church, the Mayo Clinic of Rochester, Minn., Cancer Services of Allen County or a charity of the donor's choice.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Bobby Wicker

ANGOLA — Bobby Gene Wicker, 53, of rural Angola, died Saturday, June 8, 2002, at 12:08 a.m., shortly after he was admitted to Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Wicker was employed by S.E. Johnson for the last two months and worked for One Stop Auto in Angola for two years, Ferro Corp. in Stryker, Ohio, for 15 years and the Chessie System railroad in Lima, Ohio, for 20 years. He was a member of the Wapakoneta, Ohio, Eagles and the Lima Moose Lodge.

A U.S. Army veteran, he served in the Vietnam War.

He was born Dec. 10, 1948, in Lima, to Melvin and Oma (Handshoe) Wicker. They preceded him in death.

On April 25, 1970, in Lima, he married Patricia I. Rechtine, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Lori Lynne Wells and Lucinda "Cindy" Konrad, both of Angola; five brothers, Franklin Nester of Fremont, Woodrow Wicker and Babe Wicker, both of Houston, Texas, and Cloyd Wicker and Steve Wicker, both of Butler; two sisters, Judy Stark of Lima and Teresa Kay Waterman of Angola; and three grandchildren, Breane Wicker, Jacob Wells and Emma Konrad, all of Angola.

A brother, Melvin Darrell Wicker, and a sister, Frieda Joyce Wicker, preceded him in death.

Calling is Monday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at Krill Funeral Home in Edon, Ohio.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery near Angola with military rites by the Angola American Legion post.

Memorials are to the family.

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Leslie Morgan

KENDALLVILLE — Leslie R. Morgan, 31, died Thursday, June 6, 2002, at 7:48 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville after an extended illness.

She was a student and had lived in Kendallville for four years, after moving from California.

She was born Sept. 7, 1970, in Fort Bragg, Calif.

Surviving are a son, Daniel Morgan of Kendallville; her mother and stepfather, who raised her, Kathy (Green) Sills and Robert Sills of Kendallville; her maternal grandmother, Nancy Green of Fort Bragg, Calif.; her paternal grandparents, Bill and Carol Carey of Mountain View, Mo.; two brothers, Aaron Morgan of Fort Bragg, Calif., and Robert "Bobby" Sills of Auburn; and one sister, Keri Sills of Kendallville.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Restoration Lutheran Church on the corner of Mitchell and Riley streets in Kendallville. Pastor Robert Muller will officiate.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

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Audrey Stockton

FORT WAYNE — Audrey E. Stockton, 69, died Friday, June 7, 2002, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stockton had retired in 1992 as an assembler at Wayne Home Equipment and was a member of Harvest Christian Fellowship and Parkview Service Club.

She was born Jan 30, 1933, in Garrett.

She married William A. Stockton on Nov. 24, 1953, in Fort Wayne. He died in 1964.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Craig Hamlin of Kendallville; two sisters, Imogene Woods of Albuquerque, N.M., and Alice Lovell of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Duane DeVaux; and two grandchildren, Marc and Matthew Hamlin of Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Chapel.

Services are pending for Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002

Howard Greer

ALBION — Howard W. Greer, 73, died Saturday, June 8, 2002, at home.

Before retiring in 1996, Mr. Greer worked at Holmes Saw Mill in Columbia City for 45 years.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of the V.F.W. Post in Columbia City.

Mr. Greer

He was born Jan. 25, 1929, in Blakey, Va., to James and Ella (Rash) Greer. He married Wynemia McDonald Sept. 24, 1948, in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Susan Sparks of Columbia City, Cathy and Mark Weeks of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Ellen and Randy Reeve of Albion; four sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Stephanie Greer of Churubusco, Tim and Cindy Greer of Columbia City, Jay and Patty Greer of Bear Lake, Albion, and John and Tammy Greer of Albion; 17 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Bessie Greer of Cannon Lake, Ky., and Mary Bush of Virginia.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Pastor Tom Beers will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in Corunna.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice Whitley County Branch.

Hubert Hankins

BLUFFTON — Hubert "Hank" Hankins, 80, died Saturday, June 8, 2002, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Before retiring, Mr. Hankins worked at Corning Glass for 23 years.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Roma "Midge" Hankins; two daughters, Connie Shaw of Bluffton and Kathryn Hier of Indianapolis; two sons, William Hankins of San Antonio and Jack Hankins of Ohio City, Ohio; two sisters, Betty Gooley of Huntington and Mary Lou Mossburg of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Thoma-Rich Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 8 p.m. today.

Paul Smith

HUDSON — Paul E. Smith, 95, died Sunday, June 9, 2002, at 5:40 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Smith was a lifetime farmer and had lived in rural Hudson since 1944. He was affiliated with the Helmer United Methodist Church.

He was born April 30, 1907, in Garrett to Leonard and Minnie (Lash) Smith.

He married Blanche H. Hose on Oct., 1, 1927, in Angola. She died Oct. 3, 1984.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Harold D. and Pat Smith of rural Hudson; one daughter and son-in-law, Pauline J. and Harry Worden of Williston, Fla.; one sister, Leah Larkin of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Denny and Randy Worden, and Roger, Rory and Rick Smith; nine great-grandchildren, Brandon, Kyle, Michael, Matthew, Eric, Joel, Julie, Lisa and Carla; and four great-great-grandchildren, Trevor, Tyler, Brittany and Madison.

He was preceded in death by one son, Paul J. Smith, in 1950, and a granddaughter, Karen Smith.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home at Hudson, with the Rev. Glenda Ray Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Helmer United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

THE NEWS-SUN TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2002

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information about survivors of the deceased.

Howard Greer

ALBION — Howard W. Greer, 73, died Saturday, June 8, 2002, at home.

Before retiring in 1996, Mr. Greer worked at Holmes Saw Mill in Columbia City for 45 years.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of the V.F.W. Post in Columbia City.

He was born Jan. 25, 1929, in Blakey, Va., to James and Ella (Rash) Greer. He married Wynemia McDonald Sept. 24, 1948, in Corunna. She survives.

Mr. Greer

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Susan Sparks of Columbia City, Cathy and Mark Weeks of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Ellen and Randy Reeve of Albion; four sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Stephanie Greer of Churubusco, Tim and Cindy Greer of Columbia City, Jay and Patty Greer of Bear Lake, Albion, and John and Tammy Greer of Albion; 17 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Charles Greer of Cannon Lake, Ky., Jimmie Greer of Aulander, N.C., and Robert Greer of Columbia City; and two sisters, Bessie Greer of Cannon Lake, Ky., and Mary Bush of Virginia.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Services are 1 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Pastor Tom Beers will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in Corunna.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice Whitley County Branch.

Carrie Hostetler

TOPEKA — Carrie E. Hostetler, 93, died Monday, June 10, 2002, in Goshen.

Mrs. Hostetler was a homemaker. She was a member of Emma Mennonite Church, where she was active in the Sewing Circle. She was involved in The Mental Health Association, Battle Creek Rescue Mission and Child Evangelism.

She was born Dec. 11, 1908, in Minier, Ill., to Christian and Idella (Miller) Sutter. She married Alvin Ebersol June 12, 1935. He preceeded her in death in June 1972. She then married the Rev. Amos Hostetler Aug. 18, 1974. He preceeded her in death July 18, 1993.

She was also preceeded in death by a daughter, Marion Lee Kauffman; a brother, Lawrence Sutter; and four sisters, Fannie Litwiller, Lydia Gutt, Bessie Oyer and Mary Demchak.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Glendola and Lewis Burkey of White Pigeon, Mich., Marie and Walter Hostetler of LaGrange and Betty and Melvin Kauffman of Bristol; three sons and daughters-in-law, Mervin and Margaret Hostetler of Topeka, Meredith and Jean Hostetler of Coatsville and Mark and Randy Hostetler of Indianapolis; three grandchildren; a great-grandson; 24 stepgrandchildren; 38 stepgreat-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-great-grandchildren; a sister, Minnie Sutter of Goshen; and a brother and sister-in-law, Clayton and Elsie Sutter of Goshen.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Emma Mennonite Church in Topeka. The Rev. Gene Hartman will officiate. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Emma Mennonite Church, Child Evangelism Ministries or The Bible Club.

Blanche Tarman

SYRACUSE — Blanche M. Tarman, 86, died Saturday, June 8, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mrs. Tarman worked at Syracuse Rubber and Essex Wire in Ligonier.

She was born in North Webster.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Deloss E. Tarman, who died in 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Sharon Recor of Sebring, Fla.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are 3 p.m. today at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery.

Calling is two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for **Homer Hicks** were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Sonny Stanley and Ovie Mitchell officiated. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, in Ligonier.

Pallbearers were Rick Hicks, Wayne Myers, Saul Gallardo, Bryce Armstrong and Tony and Larry DePew.

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Wayne Hagerty

HAMILTON — Wayne E. Hagerty, 72, died Saturday, June 8, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Before retiring in 1974, Mr. Hagerty was an Alaska state trooper for 13 years.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was born in DeKalb County.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly; three sons, Denzlo and Stacy Hagerty, both of Hamilton, and Kelly Hagerty of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Kerry Hagerty of Indianapolis; three brothers, Bernard Hagerty of Jackson, Mich., Thomas Hagerty of North Carolina, and Jim Hagerty of Kendallville; two sisters, Eleanor Chevillot of Hamilton and Lela Jackson of Pleasant Lake; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

There are no services or calling.

Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Kay DeFord

FORT WAYNE — Kay DeFord, 63, died Sunday, June 9, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mrs. DeFord was a homemaker.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother, Thelma Syndram of Elkhart; her husband, Walter E. DeFord; three daughters, Sherri DeFord and Debra Garrison, both of Fort Wayne, and Dina Heim of Illinois; a son, Byron DeFord of Kendallville; two brothers, Ronald Bechtold of Illinois and Joel Bechtold of Goshen; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services are 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital or National Down Syndrome Congress.

Lois Wilder

PLEASANT LAKE — Lois I. (Kelley) Wilder, 81, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, in her Pleasant Lake home.

Mrs. Wilder was a homemaker and lived in Steuben County all her life. She attended the Assembly of God Church in Angola.

She was born Jan. 4, 1921, in Steuben County to James N. and Edna (Thrush) Kelley.

She married Carl Wilder on June 6, 1936. He died Aug. 14, 1997.

Surviving are one son, Jerry C. Wilder of Angola; three daughters, Nancy E. Deller and Pat A. Dirrim, both of Fort Wayne, and Janet I. Gessaman of LaGrange; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

One sister, Helen Montgomery, preceded her in death.

Private family services will be held, with Pastor Darold L. Beck officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery of Steuben County. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Hamilton

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth F. Hamilton, 80, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hamilton worked at Trenton Garment Co. for 20 years as executive secretary and assistant treasurer. In 1960, she went to work for Ronald H. Jones Insurance and received her agent's license in 1965. She retired from Kandel/Welker Insurance in 1998.

Mrs. Hamilton

She was a charter member of Beta Associate Chapter of Tri Kappa, a lifelong member of First Christian Church in Kendallville and a lifelong resident of Kendallville.

She was born June 17, 1921, in Kendallville to Emory and Laura (Harp) Hamilton, and graduated from Kendallville High School as valedictorian in 1939.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Marlette O. Hamilton of Fort Wayne; a niece, Susan Hamilton Durham of Whitefish, Mont.; two nephews, Emory D. Hamilton Jr. of Greenville, S.C. and Dr. Craig W. Hamilton of Fort Wayne; three grandnieces; four grandnephews; and a stepgrandniece.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Arlene Hamilton Macomber who died March 18, 1976; a brother, Dr. Emory D. Hamilton who died Oct. 5, 1995; and an infant brother who died in 1910.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at the Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Rev. Thomas Clothier will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is an hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, or American Diabetes Association.

Thelma VanNest

STURGIS, Mich. — Thelma R. VanNest, 80, died Sunday, June 9, 2002, at Thurston Woods Village in Sturgis, Mich.

Before retiring in 1980, Mrs. VanNest worked as a receptionist at Business Aide. Prior to that, she and her husband managed the Syman Brothers Wholesale House in Sturgis for eight years. She was a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church, Sturgis, the Altar Society and a former member of the Good Counsel Group. She had lived in Sturgis since 1942, coming from Rome City.

She was born June 3, 1922, in LaGrange County, to Russel J. and Madeline (Tormey) Morrison. She married Albert VanNest Dec. 26, 1942, at Holy Angels Catholic Church. He preceded her in death July 18, 1989.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, James Richard VanNest.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Vivian VanNest, Richard and Jill VanNest, and James and Ann VanNest, all of Sturgis, Mich.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Arlene Roberts of Sturgis; a brother, Lejeune Morrison of Wolcottville; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 10 a.m. at Holy Angels Catholic Church. The Rev. Father Stanley Witek will officiate. A graveside service will follow at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Sturgis.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home in Sturgis. The Rosary service will be at 8 p.m. Prayers before the Funeral Mass will be said at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Holy Angels Catholic Church or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be posted at www.Legacy.com.

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Gladys Collins

ORLAND — Gladys H. Collins, 98, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, in Drew's Place of Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Collins was a homemaker and lived in Orland. She graduated from Kendallville High School and was a member of the First Congregational Church of Orland.

She was born Aug. 29, 1903, in Kendallville to William and Martha (Brouse) Herberger.

She married A.B. Collins on May 5, 1937. He died Jan. 14, 1996.

Surviving her are one son, Michael Collins of Orland; one daughter, Martha Sue Shaw of Coldwater; one nephew, Bob Herberger of Auburn; and two grandchildren.

Two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the First Congregational Church of Orland, with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Good Samaritan Hospice Care of Branch County, 117 W. Chicago St., Coldwater, MI 49036.

Clarence Wesner

CHURUBUSCO — Clarence C. Wesner, 70, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at his residence in rural Whitley County.

Among survivors are a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Ben Strack of Columbia City; and a son and daughter-in-law, Claude "Bud" and Lois Wesner of Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

ALBION NEW ERA June 12, 2002

Howard W. Greer, 73

ALBION- Howard W. Greer, 73 died Saturday, June 8, 2002, at home.

Before retiring in 1996, Mr. Greer worked at Holmes and Co. Sawmill in Columbia City after 45 years.

He was a World War II Navy veteran and a member of the V. F. W. Post in Columbia City.

He was born January 25, 1929, in Blakey, Va., to James and Ella (Rash) Greer. He married Wynemia McDonald September 24, 1948, in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Susan Sparks of Columbia City, Cathy and Mark Weeks of Kalamzoo, Mich., and JoEllen and Randy Reeve of Albion; four sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Stephanie Greer of Churubusco; Tim and Cindy Greer of Columbia City; Jay and Patty Greer of Bear Lake, Albion, and John and Tammy Greer of Albion; 17 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren: and two sisters, Bessie Greer of Cannon Lake, Ky., and Mary Bush of Virginia; three brothers, Charles of Cannon Lake, Ky., Jimmie of Alander, N.C., and Robert of Columbia City.

Services were held Wednesday, June 12, 2002, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Burial was in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Memorials to Parkview Hospital, Whitley County.

James Neuhouser

ALBION – James J. Neuhouser, 49, died Thursday, June 6, 2002, at home.

Mr. Neuhouser was a truck driver with TFE Dana Fleet of Fort Wayne for 23 years. He resided in the Albion area for four years, moving there from Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Albion Sons of the American Legion Post 246 and the Albion Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 2455.

He was born May 19, 1953, in Fort Wayne, to Edwin and Violet (Gibson) Neuhouser, both of whom survive in Sarasota, Fla. He married Julie Smolek Aug. 8, 1998, in Noble County. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are three daughters, Jodi Arington of Kendallville, Stacy Spohr of Avilla and Kelly Hart of Huntertown; a son, Jonathan Spohr of Avilla; four grandchildren, Breanna, Abby, Courtney and T. J.; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenny and Norma Neuhouser of Fort Wayne; and a sister and brother-in-law, Vicki and Dennis Cook of Leo.

Services were Sunday, June 9, 2002 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with the Rev. Brad Miller officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Clarence Wesner

COLUMBIA CITY — Clarence C. Wesner, 70, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at his residence in rural Columbia City.

Before retiring in 1994, Mr. Wesner worked at B.F. Goodrich in Woodburn for 22 years. He was a former resident of Upland, Hartford City, Muncie, Fort Wayne and Blue Lake near Churubusco.

Mr. Wesner

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church and, at the time of his death, was master of Churubusco Lodge 515 Free & Accepted Masons.

He was also a member of Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne, the Whitley County Shrine Club and the Giant Fez in Columbia City, Hillbilly Clan 95 in Fort Wayne, International Association of Legions of Honor in Fort Wayne, Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco, USW Local 715 in Woodburn, UGTC Retirees Club and the Warner Gear Sympathy Club in Muncie.

He was born Jan. 30, 1932, in Greentown to Samuel Mason and Eva Merl (Wilddner) Weesner. He spent his early years in Upland and graduated from Jefferson Township High School.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Ben Strack of Columbia City; a son and daughter-in-law, Claude "Bud" and Lois Wesner of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles H. and Mary Jane Weesner of Selma, and Malcolm "Mickie" and Jean Bournique of Marion; two sisters, Delores Adams of Richmond and Ellen Inskeep of Muncie; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five sisters, Irene Mary Weesner, Coleen Mary Weesner, Ora Nancy Weesner, Illah Weesner and Mary Jane Weesner; four brothers, Everett Eugene Weesner, Simon Weesner, Raymond Alford Weesner and Abraham F. Weesner. He was also preceded in death by his companion, Joyce A. Giles, who died Oct. 17, 2001.

Also surviving are Mrs. Giles' daughters and sons-in-law, Rose Ann and James Browning of Ft. Myers, Fla.; Ruth and Sam Buckles of Cromwell; Sue and Dennis Sorgenfrei of Huntertown; Sindy and Lee James of Clarksville, Tenn.; and Anne Stark of Columbia City.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs will officiate. Burial will be 2 p.m. Friday at Gardens of Memory, north of Muncie, with military graveside rites.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Churubusco Masonic Lodge memorial services are 5:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Jimmy Barr

KENDALLVILLE — Jimmy E. Barr, 61, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Barr worked as a welder for Leland Engineering in White Pigeon, Mich. He lived in the Kendallville area since moving from Indianapolis in 1969. He served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Barr

He was born Jan. 20, 1941, in Indianapolis to William and Silvia M. (DanHook) Barr. He married Becky Berkes June 26, 1965, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Barr of Kendallville and Rodney Barr of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Angel Barr of Kendallville and Alicia Terry of Rome City; seven grandchildren, Kevin and Tyler Murphy, Andrew Terry and Brian, Devin, Kiarra and Jenna Barr; a sister, Lucille Rector of Hope.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. Pastor Ann Marshall will officiate.

Calling is two hours before services at the church.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

THE NEWS-SUN FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2002

Sara Mozingo

FORT WAYNE — Sara Louise Mozingo, 38, died Wednesday, June 12, 2002, at home in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Mozingo spent her early years in Fort Wayne, moved to Doniphan, Mo., then lived all her adult life in Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 27, 1964, in Whitley County to Oathel S. and Helen (Arnold) Yant. They survive.

Mrs. Mozingo

Also surviving are a daughter, Amanda Williams of Fort Wayne; a son, Travis Williams of Fort Wayne; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Patricia and Robert Rich, Frances and Andrew Williams, and Gloria and Jessie Moseley, all of Fort Wayne; and a grandson, Alex Williams.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Minister Terry Clark of Northside Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling is noon Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Walter Koch

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Walter R. Koch, 77, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at St. John's Regional Health Center in Springfield, Mo.

Before retiring Mr. Koch worked as a custodian with the Cabool IV Schools in Cabool, Mo., for 20 years. Prior to relocating in Missouri, he lived in Butler, where he worked at Universal Tools Inc. for 12 years, and Kendallville, where he worked at Kendallville Lumber Co. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of the First Christian Church of Cabool and a life member of the American Legion Post in Cabool and the American Rabbit Breeders Association. He collected miniature cars, trucks and farm machinery.

He was born May 24, 1925, in Bryan, Ohio, to Earnest Walter and Rose Mabel (Ridge) Koch. He graduated from Stryker High School in 1943. He married Myrta L. Pike of Montpelier June 5, 1958. She preceded him in death July 25, 1993.

Surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, Grace and James Klender of Pioneer, Ohio, Margaret and Rell L. Myers of Montpelier, and Carol and Brook Franklin of Mountain Grove, Mo.; five nieces; and five nephews.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Monday at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home in Montpelier. Pastor Rick Burton will officiate. Burial will be in West Buffalo Cemetery near Blakeslee, Ohio, with military graveside rites conducted by Montpelier veteran organizations.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Gideons International.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ruth F. Hamilton** were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Stan Emerick, Darol Stroman, Ed Grady Sr., Paul Glass, Bud Reith and Charles Fisher.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Howard W. Greer** were 11 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Tom Beers officiated.

Burial was in Fairfield Center Cemetery in Corunna. Pallbearers were Jim, John, Edward and Jay Greer, Mark Weeks and Randy Reeve.

Odis Gayheart

ROME CITY — Odis Gayheart, 58, of Rome City died Thursday, June 13, 2002, at his home.

Gayheart had worked in production for 25 years at Eaton Corp. in Auburn, formerly Dana. He was a member of the Church of the True God in Jesus Name in South Milford and the United Auto Workers.

Mr. Gayheart

He was born on Dec. 7, 1943, in Hazard, Ky., to Ashley Taylor and Rilda B. (Russell) Gayheart.

He had lived in Rome City since 1964. On April 10, 1965, he married Vivian Patrick, who survives.

Surviving are his mother, of Lots Creek, Ky.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Odis Gayheart Jr. of Kendallville, Larry and Brenda Gayheart of Rome City, and Gary and Chris Gayheart of Rome City; one sister, Janice Shepherd of Lots Creek, Ky.; three brothers, Anderson "Pete" Gayheart of Lots Creek, Ky., Higgins Gayheart of Sarasota, Fla., and Danny Gayheart of Michigan; and three granddaughters, Morreen Gayheart, Odessa Gayheart and MaKayla Gayheart.

He was preceded in death by his father; a son, Ronnie Dean Gayheart; and a daughter, Patricia Ann Gayheart.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Sam Sawyer and the Rev. Glen Patrick officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Kenneth Ott

CHURUBUSCO — Kenneth M. Ott, 41, of rural Churubusco, died Friday, June 14, 2002, at his home.

Among his surviving relatives are his mother, Ruth Ott, of Huntertown; a brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Dawn Ott of Fort Wayne; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and David Bilger of Columbia City, Susan and James Ott-Holland of Franksville, Wis., and Beverly and Olivier Ott-Hauville of Montiliers, France.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Neal Wolfe

ALBION — Neal C. Wolfe, 54, died Thursday, June 13, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a welder for HH Sales in Huntertown and was a member of Bass Masters. He was an avid fisherman and hunter with his beloved Labrador, Gauge.

He was born in Kendallville to Charles F. and Betty M. (Spillner) Wolfe. He married Elaine (McGuire) Wolfe on Dec. 27, 1983. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are his mother; three sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Katrina Wolfe and Troy and Melissa Owen, all of Churubusco, and Bert and Stacey Wolfe of Wolcottville; four daughters, April May Wolfe of LaOtto, Tracey and Ronnie Stanley of Kendallville, Teresa and Troy Airgood of Cromwell, and Tiffany Owen and Dennis Wolfe of Albion; one brother, David F. Wolfe of Westfield; and 15 grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Harold Heaton officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Edwin Persons

KANSAS CITY — Edwin S. "Bud" Persons, 52, of Kansas City, Mo., died Thursday, June 13, 2002, at his place of employment.

He had been a resident of Kansas City for 30 years, where he worked for Helix Architecture and Design. He was a graduate of McClure High School in Fluorescent, Mo., and received a degree in architectural design from Kansas State University. He was also a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

He was born on Jan. 2, 1950, to Edwin and Margaret (Beltz) Persons Sr., who survive in Kendallville. Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Connie and Jack Heimann of Lake Bluff, Ill.; two nephews, Gregory Heimann of Chicago and his wife, Michele, and Carey Heimann of St. Louis, Mo., and his fiancee, Amiee Collider.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto with the Rev. Susan Socha officiating. Burial will follow the services at Cedar Creek Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

The News Sun SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2002

Kathryn Wagner

LAGRANGE — Kathryn G. Wagner, 85, died Friday, June 14, 2002, at 3:25 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

She was the retired owner of Bronson Greenhouse in Bronson, Mich. She was a former secretary for Robinson Insurance Agency in LaGrange. She lived her entire life in LaGrange and Bronson. She was a member of Coterie Club in LaGrange and the LaGrange Bowling League.

She was born Aug. 29, 1916, in LaGrange to Clarence and Agnes (Minich) Robinson.

Surviving her are one daughter, Charlene Wagner of Fort Wayne; two sons, Alan Wagner of LaGrange and Robert Wagner of Manitou Beach, Mich.; one sister, Marjorie Falkenstein of Denver, Colo.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Maynard Robinson; and two sisters, Vera Slack and Helen Zimmerman.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling after 11 a.m. Pastor Jeff Farnham will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Cancer Society.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2002

Carol Houser

KENDALLVILLE — Carol LaVon Houser, 62, died Saturday, June 15, at 11:43 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

She was a nurse's aide and lived in Kendallville for eight years. She graduated from Huntertown High School. She was a volunteer and member of the resident council at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home. She was involved in activities and enjoyed socializing with residents and their families. She was an avid crafter. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla. She was a former member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Noble County Extension Homemakers Club.

Miss Houser was born June 30, 1939, in Garrett to Carl E. "Dutch" and Harriett E. (Moudy) Houser. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving her are a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Ray Parker of LaOtto; a brother, Max G. Houser of LaOtto; three aunts and one uncle, Ruth and Robert Lee of Auburn, Dora Houser of Auburn and Louise Houser of North Fort Myers, Fla.; six nieces, eight great-nieces and great-nephews and several cousins.

An infant twin sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

THE NEWS-SUN TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2002

Virginia Holcomb Smith

SUMNER, Wash. — Virginia Catherine "Ginny" Holcomb Smith, 74, of Sumner, Wash., died May 4, 2002, at home of congestive heart failure due to emphysema.

She had been a real estate agent in Washington and Pennsylvania and enjoyed singing and baking.

Mrs. Smith was born May 27, 1928, in Kendallville to Carroll Lynden and Nona May (Gillem) Holcomb. She was a 1947 graduate of Kendallville High School and attended Butler University for two years.

Mrs. Smith

Her husband of 51 years, Elmer O. Smith, died Feb. 23, 2000. A daughter, Linda, also preceded her in death in 1980.

Surviving are three daughters, Karen Smith Todd and Carol Dickenson, both of Sumner, and Cheryl Campbell-Weybrew of Auburn, Wash.; a son, Steven E. Smith of Sumner; and grandchildren Colin and Alex Smith, Dakoda and Kaylee Dickenson, and Courtney and Ciara Campbell-Weybrew.

Services of remembrance were May 26. Her ashes were spread at Mount Rainier in Washington and in Carmel, Calif.

Condolences to Karen Smith Todd, 2717 210th Ave. E., Sumner, WA 98390.

Lloyd Becker

SALEM, Ore. — Lloyd W. Becker, 70, died Saturday, June 15, 2002.

Mr. Becker resided in the Kendallville area from 1931 to 1960.

Surviving are his wife, Ida Mae Becker of Salem, Ore.; three sons, L. Kenneth Becker of Sweetwater, Texas, Mark Becker of Raleigh, N.C., and Scott Becker of Albuquerque, N.M.; a daughter, Melinda Becker of Salem; his mother, Leona Becker of Helmer; four grandchildren; four brothers, Floyd Becker of Fort Wayne, Wayne Becker of Pleasant Lake, Jim Becker of Kendallville and Denny Becker of Helmer; and a sister, Phyllis Casselman of Kendallville.

No services or calling will be held.

Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service in Salem is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Odis Gayheart** were 10 a.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Pastors Sam Sawyer, Glen Patrick and Birtchel Mosley officiated.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Pallbearers were Gary, Larry, Derek and Gene Gayheart, Don Swank and Todd Patrick.

THE NEWS-SUN WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2002

Loretta Myers

AUBURN — Loretta A. Myers, 83, died Monday, June 17, 2002, at 10:40 p.m. in Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

She worked in the accounting department at Auburn Federal Savings and Loan in Auburn for 35 years, retiring in 1983. She lived in Auburn and was a member of County Line Church of God.

Miss Myers was born July 2, 1918, in DeKalb County to Clarence and Minnie (Schultz) Myers.

Surviving her are three nieces, Barbara Shafer of Springfield, Ohio, Beverly Treesh of Montgomery, Ala., and Diana Ellert of Waterloo; and four nephews, Larry Myers of Fremont, Robert Smith of Rome City, Roger Smith of Springfield, Mo., and David Smith of Moultrie, Ga.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Don F. Myers; two sisters, Virginia Myers and Lois Smith; and a nephew, Don Myers.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in County Line Church of God, rural Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Stuart Kruse will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Youth for Christ.

Walter Cumberland

LAKETON — Walter Delmar Cumberland, 67, died Sunday, June 16, 2002, at home in Rochester.

Mr. Cumberland was a farmer and, before retiring, a truck driver for Pierceton Trucking in Laketon.

He was a Korean War veteran.

He was born in Kosciusko County, where he lived before moving to Rochester.

Surviving are three daughters, Adele Kindig of Clancy, Mont., Sheila Hilker of Auburn and Paige Levitz of Avilla; two sons, Walter Cumberland of Rochester and Chad Cumberland of Fort Wayne; a sister, Shirley Risner of Rensselaer; a brother, Robert Cumberland of Akron; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Fulton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Rochester. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery.

Calling is 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the fairgrounds.

Memorials are to the 4-H Foundation.

Arrangements are by Hartzler Funeral Home in Akron.

Mary Ruff

LAGRANGE — Mary B. Ruff, 95, died Tuesday, June 18, 2002, at the Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Ruff was a homemaker. She was a member of Mongo United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women group. She came to Indiana from Michigan in October 1944 and lived in LaGrange and Steuben counties.

She was born Nov. 10, 1906 to Chancey and Loma (Yoder) Mickem in Elkhart County. She married Rollin Rhinesmith Nov. 12, 1926 in Elkhart County. He preceded her in death Aug. 25, 1959. She married Frank Ruff April 17, 1960 in Valentine. He preceded her in death Dec. 3, 1991.

Also preceding her in death are a granddaughter, Debra K. Miller, who died in 1993; a great-grandson, Jason Rhinesmith; a brother, Melvin Mickem; and two sisters, Evelyn Lewis and Esther Reed.

Surviving are two sons, Edward A. Rhinesmith of Howe and Ernest A. Rhinesmith of Mongo; seven grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. James Bartlett will officiate. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery in Howe.

Calling is 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mongo United Methodist Church.

Jimmy Barr, 61

KENDALLVILLE–Jimmy E. Barr, 61, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Barr worked as a welder for Leland Engineering in White Pigeon, Mich. He lived in the Kendallville area since moving from Indianapolis in 1969. He served in the U. S. Army.

He was born Jan. 20, 1941, in Indianapolis to William and Silvia M. (DanHook) Barr. He married Becky Berkes June 26, 1965, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Barr of Kendallville and Rodney Barr of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Angel Barr of Kendallville and Alicia Terry of Rome City; seven grandchildren, Kevin and Tyler Murphy, Andrew Terry and Brian, Devin, Kiarra and Jenna Barr; a sister, Lucille Rector of Hope.

Services were Saturday, June 15, 2002 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. Pastor Ann Marshall officiating.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Edwin Persons

KANSAS CITY, MO -- Edwin S. "Bud" Persons, 52, of Kansas City, Mo., died Thursday, June 13, 2002, in Kansas City.

The Kendallville native was a graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in architectural design. He worked for Helix Architecture and Design.

Surviving are his parents, Edwin Sr. and Margaret of Kendallville; a sister, Connie Heimann of Lake Bluff, Ill.; and two nephews.

Services were Tuesday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto. Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Burial was at Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Clarence C. Wesner, 70

COLUMBIA CITY – Clarence C. Wesner, 70, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at his residence in rural Columbia City.

Before retiring in 1994, Mr. Wesner worked at B. F. Goodrich in Woodburn for 22 years. He was a former resident of Upland, Hartford City, Muncie, Fort Wayne and Blue Lake near Churubusco.

He served in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean War and was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church and, at the time of his death, was master of Churubusco Lodge 515 Free & Accepted Masons.

He was also a member of Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne, the Whitley County Shrine in Fort Wayne, the Whitley County Shrine Club and the Giant Fez in Columbia City, Hillbilly Clan 95 in Fort Wayne, International Association of Legions of Honor in Fort Wayne, Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Woodburn, UGTC Retirees Club and the Warner Gear Sympathy Club in Muncie.

He was born Jan. 30, 1932, in Greentown to Samuel Mason and Eva Merl (Wilddner) Weesner. He spent his early years in Upland and graduated from Jefferson Township High School.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Ben Strack of Columbia City; a son and daughter-in-law, Claude "Bud" and Lois Wesner of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles H. and Mary Jane Weesner of Selma, and Malcolm "Mickie" and Jean Bournique of Marion; two sisters, Delores Adams of Richmond and Ellen Inskeep of Muncie; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five sisters, Irene Mary Weesner, Coleen Mary Weesner, Ora Nancy Weesner, Illah Weesner and Mary Jane Weesner; four brothers, Everett Eugene Weesner, Simon Weesner, Raymond Alford Weesner and Abraham F. Weesner. He was also preceded in death by his companion, Joyce A. Giles, who died Oct. 17, 2001.

Also surviving are Mrs. Giles' daughters and sons-in-law, Rose Ann and James Browning of Ft. Myers, Fla.; Ruth and Sam Buckles of Cromwell; Sue and Dennis Sorgenfrei of Huntertown; Sindy and Lee James of Clarksville, Tenn.; and Anne Stark of Columbia City.

Services were held on Friday, June 14, 2002 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial was at Gardens of Memory, north of Muncie, with military graveside rites.

Churubusco Masonic Lodge memorial services were held at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Neal C. Wolfe

ALBION–Neal C. Wolfe, 54, died at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne at 8:20 pm, Thursday, June 13, 2002.

He was born on January 12, 1948 in Kendallville to Charles F. and Betty M. (Spillner) Wolfe. On December 27, 1983 he married Elaine (McGuire) Wolfe, she survives. He was a member of Bass Masters and was an avid fisherman and hunted with his beloved Lab. Gauge.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law and four daughters and sons -in-law: Chris (Katrina) Wolfe, Troy (Melissa) Owen both of Churubusco; Bert (Stacey) Wolfe of Wolcottville; April May Wolfe of LaOtto; Tracy (Ronnie) Stanley of Kendallville; Teresa (Troy) Airgood of Cromwell; Tiffany Owen (Dennis Wolfe) of Albion; fifteen grandchildren; his mother Betty M. (Spillner) Wolfe; one brother, David F. Wolfe of Westfield, IN. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles F. Wolfe.

Services were held on Wednesday, June 19, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. with the Rev. Harold Heaton officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

THE NEWS-SUN THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2002

Thomas 'Ed' Baker

ROME CITY — Thomas Edward "Ed" Baker, 55, died Wednesday, June 19, 2002, in the VA Hospital in Marion.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Russell Greene

LAGRANGE — Russell L. Greene, 66, died Wednesday, June 19, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Before retiring, Mr. Greene worked as a group leader at Dometic Corp. in LaGrange for 39 years. He served in the U.S. Navy and moved to LaGrange in 1960 after his military service.

He was born Aug. 16, 1935, in Cambria Township, Mich., to John B. and Bethel J. (Matthias) Greene. He married Loraine Weldon Dec. 8, 1956, in Chesaning, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl and Mike Fry of Howe and Cathy and Mick Leigh and Lisa and Rick Jordan, all of LaGrange; a daughter, Lorna Jo Mack of Wolcottville; 15 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Richard M. Greene of LaGrange.

Preceding him in death are his parents; a step-father, Gilbert R. Love; a sister, Norma J. Rumsey; and a brother, John L. Greene.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Chris Denney of LaGrange Church of God will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, where American Legion Post 215 will conduct a military service.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Quad Counties Dialysis Center in Auburn.

Thomas Lower

WOLCOTTVILLE — Thomas M. Lower, 69, died Tuesday, June 18, 2002, at his residence in Wellston, Mich.

Mr. Lower worked as a logger in Wellston for eight years. Prior to moving to Michigan, Lower lived in Wolcottville and worked there as Police Chief and a supervisor of the Waste and Sewer Department. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and earned two Purple Heart Valor Awards for his efforts. He was a member of American Legion Post 215 in LaGrange since 1955 and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5315 in Baldwin, Mich., for 16 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and being outdoors. He loved living.

Mr. Lower

He was born Sept. 26, 1932, in Topeka to Forrest and Irene (Mallon) Lower. He earned his associate's degree from Ivy Tech State College in Fort Wayne. He married Shirley Ann Mehl April 16, 1953, in Waukegan, Ill. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Paul Sabelhaus of Wolcottville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Greg and Bev Lower and Tony and Deb Lower, all of LaGrange; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a niece.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Lower.

Services are 6 p.m. Friday at Terwilliger Funeral Home in Kaleva, Mich., under the auspices of American Legion Post 531.

Calling is three hours before services at the funeral home.

Local services will be held at a later date in LaGrange.

Delores Johnson

FORT WAYNE — Delores M. Johnson, 69, died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker. She was born in Hicksville, Ohio.

Surviving are her husband, Kenneth R. Johnson; two daughters, Debra G. Noll and Toni K. Hunter, both of Fort Wayne; two sons, Kenneth A. Johnson and Rickie J. Johnson, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Norma Sproat of Auburn, Constance Olry of Fort Wayne and Judith Sleesman of Detroit; her stepmother, Gladys Wright of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are 2 p.m. Friday at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

No calling.

Funeral arrangements are by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Kenneth Robbins

COLUMBIA CITY — Kenneth D. Robbins, 52, died Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at home.

Mr. Robbins was a truck driver for 15 years. He was born in Leatherwood, Ky.

Surviving are his parents, James and Dovie Robbins of Columbia City; a son, Ben Robbins of Warsaw; a daughter, Mona Marshall of Kendallville; two brothers, Vernon Robbins of Columbia City and Tom Mock of Warsaw; two sisters, Kay Jones of Fort Wayne and Frieda Weber of Sheboygan, Wis.; and three grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia City.

There is no calling.

Funeral arrangements are by Northeast Indiana Cremation Society.

Memorials are to Special Olympics of donor's choice.

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GARRETT — Services for **Edwin S. "Bud" Persons** were held 10 a.m. Tuesday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto. The Rev. Sue Socha officiated.

Burial was in Cedar Creek Cemetery in Garrett. Pallbearers were Greg Heimann, Steve Wappes, Ronnie Hart, Gary Beltz and Larry Venderley.

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Thomas Baker

ROME CITY — Thomas Edward "Ed" Baker, 55, died Wednesday, June 19, 2002, at Veterans Administration Hospital in Marion.

Mr. Baker was vice president and general manager of L&L Fittings Inc., a Fort Wayne business. He moved to Rome City from Fort Wayne two years ago.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of American Legion Post 381, 40 et 8 Voiture Locale 642 and the Society of Automotive Engineers. He attended Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and was a 1972 graduate of Tri-State University in Angola.

Mr. Baker

He was born Nov. 25, 1946, in Kendallville, to Harvey C. and Jessie (Magill) Baker. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1965. He married Pamela E. Lehner March 17, 1968, in Kendallville. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Charwyne Baker of Apex, N.C.; another son and his fiance, Jeffrey Baker and Ann McGovern of Arlington Heights, Ill.; a daughter, Marie Baker of Albuquerque, N.M.; two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Andrew Baker; a brother and sister-in-law, William and Geanie Baker of Chicago; and a sister and brother-in-law, Paula and Dave Smith of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn Buchanan, who died March 22, 1979.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Dr. David Hogsett will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to ALS.

Edwin Eash

LAGRANGE — Edwin J. Eash, 79, died Thursday, June 20, 2002, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

Mr. Eash was a farmer and truck driver. Since retiring he was a provider of transportation for the Amish community. A lifelong resident of LaGrange County, he attended Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana and Eden Community Worship Center in Topeka.

He was born May 18, 1923, in LaGrange County to John J. and Rebecca (Schrock) Eash. He married Dorcas Miller Dec. 24, 1947, in Shipshewana. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and Mack Whitmore of Chilton, Wis., and Karen and Lee Hicks of Muncie; six sons and four daughters-in-law, Glen and Patricia Eash and Don and Rosie Eash, all of Goshen, Phil Eash of Centreville, Mich., Leon and Cynthia Eash of LaGrange, Myron Eash of Wenatchee, Wash., and Paul and Gayle Eash of Elkhart; 18 grandchildren, Christa, Colin, Delaina, Brandon, Nathan, Natalie, Nicholas, Wendy, Joshua, Crystal, Terra, Derick, Michael, Jason, Matthew, Dakota, Johnny and David; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Ellen and Christy Christner of Shelbyville, Ill.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Elsie E. Bontrager, and a brother, Earnest Eash.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Shore Mennonite Church. The Revs. Carl Horner and Brent Eash will officiate. Burial will be in Townline Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Friday and 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Shore Mennonite Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Eden Community Worship Center.

Clela Atwater

LAGRANGE — Clela R. Atwater, 87, died Thursday, June 20, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Before retiring, Mrs. Atwater worked as a clerk at the former Hook's Drug Store in LaGrange. A lifelong resident of LaGrange County, she was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange and the LaGrange Garden Club.

She was born April 23, 1915, in LaGrange County to William S. Kerns Sr. and Grace (Peck) Kerns. She married Marion Atwater June 25, 1937, in LaGrange County. He preceded her in death Oct, 5, 1994.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Thelma Boyd, in September 1977; six sisters; and three brothers.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jeanette and Harold Nott of Grabill and Joyce and Ralph Ackerman Jr. of LaGrange; four sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Pauline Atwater and Arthur and Donna Atwater, all of Howe, Phillip and Carol Atwater of Howell, Mich., and Gary and Kay Atwater of Elkhart; two sisters, Leola Middleton of Coldwater, Mich., and Marcella Myers of Sturgis, Mich.; four brothers, Thurman Kerns of Dearborn, Mich., Arthur Kerns of San Leandro, Calif., William S. Kerns Jr. of Burr Oak, Mich.; and Herbert Kerns of LaGrange; 20 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Stephen Flynn will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

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Karen Arnold

NEW ALBANY — Karen L. Reed Arnold, 41, died Saturday, June 15, 2002, at her home in Auburndale, Fla.

A former resident of Kendallville, she worked as a lab technician at McCray Hospital. She was born in New Albany and resided there for many years.

Surviving are her parents, Louis and Helen Reed of Lakeland, Fla.; a brother, Donnie Reed of Mt. Washington, Ky.; and a sister, Roxanna Ferree of Elizabeth.

Services were 10 a.m. today at Kraft Funeral Service in New Albany. Entombment was in Kraft-Graceland Memorial Park.

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He was born May 18, 1923, in LaGrange County to John J. and Rebecca (Schrock) Eash. He married Dorcas Miller Dec. 24, 1947, in Shipshewana. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and Mack Whitmore of Chilton, Wis., and Karen and Lee Hicks of Muncie; six sons and four daughters-in-law, Glen and Patricia Eash and Don and Rosie Eash, all of Goshen, Phil Eash of Centreville, Mich., Leon and Cynthia Eash of LaGrange, Myron Eash of Wenatchee, Wash., and Paul and Gayle Eash of Elkhart; 18 grandchildren, Christa, Colin, Delaina, Brandon, Nathan, Natalie, Nicholas, Wendy, Joshua, Crystal, Terra, Derick, Michael, Jason, Matthew, Dakota, Johnny and David; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Ellen and Christy Christner of Shelbyville, Ill.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Elsie E. Bontrager, and a brother, Earnest Eash.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Shore Mennonite Church. The Revs. Carl Horner and Brent Eash will officiate. Burial will be in Townline Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Friday and 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Shore Mennonite Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Eden Community Worship Center.

Richard Christlieb

CORUNNA — Richard Lee Christlieb III, 17, died Thursday, June 20, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. in a car accident on C.R. 19.

He was a student, a member of the DeKalb High School Future Farmers of America and DeKalb County 4-H.

Christlieb was born Sept. 12, 1984, in Kendallville to Richard Lee Jr. and Jill (Stackhouse) Christlieb. They survive in Corunna.

Also surviving are a brother, Kurtis Christlieb, at home; his grandparents, Ralph and Carroll Stackhouse of Corunna, and Ed and Fran Linthicum of Garrett; a girlfriend, Jo Anne Dobrovodsky of Auburn; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Karen Arnold

NEW ALBANY — Karen L. Reed Arnold, 41, died Saturday, June 15, 2002, at her home in Auburndale, Fla.

A former resident of Kendallville, she worked as a lab technician at McCray Hospital. She was born in New Albany and resided there for many years.

Surviving are her parents, Louis and Helen Reed of Lakeland, Fla.; a brother, Donnie Reed of Mt. Washington, Ky.; and a sister, Roxanna Ferree of Elizabeth.

Services were 10 a.m. today at Kraft Funeral Service in New Albany. Entombment was in Kraft-Graceland Memorial Park.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2002

William Grawcock

ALBION — William S. Grawcock, 93, of Albion, died at 6:20 a.m. Friday, June 21, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On Jan. 14, 1909, in Churubusco, he was born to JB and Nettie (Shirley) Grawcock.

His first wife Neva (Hunt) Grawcock died in 1964. He married Ruby (Barhan) Grawcock in December 1969. She survives.

Mr. Grawcock was a farmer and real estate broker and lived most of his life in Noble County.

He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion and the Albion Lions Club. Mr. Grawcock graduated from Albion High School in 1927 and from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich. in 1931.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: two sons and daughters-in-law, Arthur and Esther Grawcock, Avilla, and Brent and Julie Grawcock, Albion; a daughter, Mary Lee Moldenhauer, Omaha, Neb.; a daughter-in-law, Debbie Grawcock Lane; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A son, Robert Grawcock, preceded him in death on March 9, 1986. A son-in-law, Howard Moldenhauer, a half-brother, Art Grawcock, and a sister, Marjorie, also preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Abion, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Rehoboth Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour prior to services.

Preferred memorials are to the Albion Lions Club.

William Bonar

BIG LAKE — William David Bonar, 50, died at approximately 1 a.m. Saturday, June 22, 2002.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2002

Effie Gillum

CHURUBUSCO — Effie Gillum, 82, died Saturday, June 22, 2002, at Riverbend Healthcare Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gillum

Mrs. Gillum was a homemaker. She was a member of Believer's Bible Fellowship in Churubusco and enjoyed going to and having garage sales. She also enjoyed gardening, crocheting and cooking. She lived in the Churubusco community since 1942.

She was born Sept. 13, 1919, in Breathit County, Ky., to Robert B. "Judge" and Fairlena (McIntosh) Barnett and spent her formative years in that area. She married Ralph M. Gillum on Feb. 22, 1938. He preceded her in death on Aug. 4, 1962.

Also preceding her in death are two brothers and five sisters.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Louise and Frank Rose of New Port Richey, Fla., Betty and Robert Egolf of Churubusco, Cathy and Gary Lambert of Fort Wayne and Sandy and Terry Long of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronny and Carol Gillum of Churubusco; a brother, Gerald Barnett of Lawrenceburg; a sister, Mazel Kirby of Covington, Ky.; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Believer's Bible Fellowship in Churubusco. The Rev. Rick Van Horn will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Marie Westphal

KENDALLVILLE — Marie E. Westphal, 95, died Sunday, June 23, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Urban Fortman

AVILLA — Urban F. Fortman, 89, died Sunday, June 23, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

THE NEWS-SUN TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2002

Urban Fortman

AVILLA — Urban Frank Fortman, 89, died Sunday, June 23, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fortman was a farmer and a lifetime resident of rural Avilla. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

He was born Jan. 28, 1913, to Henry and Anna (Barlage) Fortman.

Surviving are six nieces, Marty Filloff, Nancy Rorick, Pat Hatcher, Kathy Salisbury, Diane Clark and Mary Lou Smith; and three nephews, Jerry Fortman, John Fortman and Tom Fortman.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Louis Fortman, Clarence Fortman and Carl Fortman.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. The Rev. Daniel Durkin will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with the Rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses to the Church or the Cemeterium Endowment Fund.

Joseph Willard

LAGRANGE — Joseph J. Willard, 94, died Monday, June 24, 2002, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Surviving is his wife, Elsie Willard.

Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

William Bonar

BIG LAKE — William "Wild" David Bonar, 50, died Saturday, June 22, 2002, near Wilmot. He was the victim of a drowning.

Mr. Bonar was a self-employed handyman.

He was born May 1, 1952, to Paul and Anna Bonar. His mother, Anna (Adams) Bonar Galloway, survives in Warsaw, and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are two sisters, Barbara Paulin of Perryville, Md., and Paula Ousley of Warsaw; two half-brothers, Donald E. Galloway of Stafford, Texas, and Vernon Galloway of Syracuse; and several nieces.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Calling is two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the family.

Bruce Johnson

COLUMBIA CITY — Bruce L. Johnson, 90, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Before retiring in 1974, Mr. Johnson worked at Renner Express Co. in Marion for 16 years. He also worked at Huntington Shoe & Leather Co. for six years and Daily Bros. Shoe Co. in Marion for 12 years.

He was born in Huntington and was a former resident of Big Lake.

Surviving are two sons, Gary Allen of Tucson, Ariz., and Merrill Gene of Marion; a daughter, Cheryl Lynn Gonzales of Big Lake; nine grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey L. Johnson.

There are no services or calling.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army.

Funeral arrangements are by Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

THE NEWS-SUN WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2002

Donna Stroup

FORT WAYNE — Donna Jean Stroup, 64, died Monday, June 24, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her stepmother, Eileen Stroup of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Walt E. Stroup of Rome City.

Private services are pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne Developmental Center or Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Joseph Willard

LAGRANGE — Joseph J. Willard, 94, died Monday, June 24, 2002, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Willard was personnel manager at Borg-Warner Corp. Spring Division in Bellwood, Ill., and moved to LaGrange from Chicago in 1978. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange, the Elks Lodge of Sturgis, Mich., and the Moose Lodge of LaGrange.

He was born Jan. 24, 1908, to Carl S. and May E. (Scott) Willard in Ashley. He married Alma Farrar, who preceded him in death. He then married Myra Cornish, who preceded him in death. He then married Elsie R. Hlava on Aug. 21, 1965, in Park Ridge, Ill. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. David (Merrily) Fantus of Crystal Lake, Ill.; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Donna Willard of Island Lake, Ill.; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Louise Payne of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Phyllis Harter of Auburn.

Also preceding him in death are two brothers, C. Dey Willard and Ransom Willard.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. The Rev. Stanley Wilson will officiate. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery in Howe.

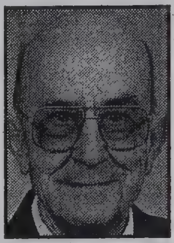
Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Community Foundation Willard Scholarship.

Longtime Topeka doctor Kenneth Lehman, 81, dies

TOPEKA — Dr. Kenneth M. Lehman, 81, died Monday, June 24, 2002, at his residence in Topeka.

Before retiring in 1985, Dr. Lehman was the director of the emergency room in LaGrange Community Hospital for five years. Prior to that, he maintained a general practice in Topeka for 32 years, from 1948 to 1980. During that time, he delivered approximately 3,000 babies in LaGrange County. In the fall of 1966, he served with the American Medical Association program of volunteer physicians for South Vietnam.


Dr. Lehman

He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1946 to 1948 and was a member of Topeka United Methodist Church. Having been an Eagle Scout in his youth, he served as a Co-Scoutmaster for a medical explorer Boy Scout post in LaGrange County. He was also a member of the Michiana Audubon Society, LaGrange Country Club, Indiana State Medical Association and Topeka Commercial Club. At the country club, he once held the title of Senior Golf Champion. Also, as Audubon Society members, he and his wife donated land to LaGrange County to become what is now known as Maple Wood Nature Center.

He received the Silver Beaver award from the Boy Scouts of America and the Golden Heart Award from the Topeka Chamber of Commerce.

He was born Dec. 28, 1920, to Reuben and Ivy Inez (Hartman) Lehman in Goshen. He graduated from Goshen High School in 1939, from DePauw University in Greencastle in 1943 and from Indiana University Medical School in August 1945. He married Genevieve Warner on April 25, 1943, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Anne and Dan Lind of Charlottesville, Va., and Katharine and Charles Walker of West Lafayette; two daughters, Rebecca Russell of Indianapolis and Lucinda Lehman of LaGrange; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Herbert Lehman.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at Topeka Mennonite Church. The Rev. Robert Wyman will officiate. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the United Methodist Committee on Relief, the LaGrange Parks Department or Heifer Project International.

Funeral arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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Earl Layman

FORT WAYNE — Earl L. Layman, 94, died Monday, June 24, 2002, at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne.

Before retiring in 1976, Mr. Layman worked at Lincoln National Bank for six years and as a rural mail carrier for 41 years. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Emmanuel Men's Club and the Rural Letter Carrier's Association.

He was born Dec. 23, 1907, in Kendallville to Ernest E. and Lalah M. (Forker) Layman. He married Hilda A. Berkes on June 11, 1931. She survives at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Vickie Layman of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Stan Williams of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ellen Lash of Kendallville.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. The Rev. Arnold Piering will officiate. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Winchester Road Chapel in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church or the Leukemia Society of America Northeastern Indiana Branch in Fort Wayne.

Marie Westphal

KENDALLVILLE — Marie E. Westphal, 95, died Sunday, June 23, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Westphal was a homemaker and a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 17, 1907, in Plymouth to Jonas and Lydia (Anderson) Fry. She married Harold Westphal. He preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 1994.

Also preceding her in death is a brother.

Surviving is a sister, Lucille Feightner of Lansing, Mich.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Jim Toole will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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William S. Grawcock, 93

ALBION–William S. Grawcock, 93, died at 6:20 a.m. on Friday, June 21, 2002 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born on January 14, 1909 in Churubusco to JB and Nettie (Shirley) Grawcock. He graduated from Albion High School in 1927 and the University of Michigan at Ann Harbor in 1931. His first wife, Neva (Hunt) Grawcock died in 1964 and in December of 1969 he married Ruby (Buchan) Grawcock, she survives.

Mr. Grawcock was a farmer and Real Estate Broker and lived most of his life in Noble County. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion and the Albion Lions Club.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter, Arthur (Esther) Grawcock and Brent (Julie) Grawcock all of Albion; Mary Lee Moldenhauer of Omaha, Nebraska; one daughter-in-law Debbie Grawcock Lane; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a son, Robert Grawcock who died on March 9, 1986 and a son-in-law Howard Moldenhauer; one half brother Art Grawcock and one sister Marjorie.

Services were held on Tuesday, June 25, 2002 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Curtis Austin officiating. Burial was in Rehoboth Cemetery, Albion. Preferred memorials are to the Albion Lions Club.

Urban Frank Fortman, 89

AVILLA – Urban Frank Fortman, 89 died at 7:02 p.m. on June 23, 2002 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born January 28, 1913 in Avilla to Henry and Anna (Barlage) Fortman. He was a farmer and a lifetime rural Avilla resident. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Surviving are six nieces, Marty Filloff, Nancy Rorick, Pat Hatcher, Kathy Salisbury, Diane Clark and Mary Lou Smith; three nephews, Jerry Fortman, John Fortman and Tom Fortman.

He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Anna Fortman and three brothers, Louis, Clarence and Carl Fortman.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating.

Visitation will be at Brazzell Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 26, 2002 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. and one hour prior to funeral services on Thursday. Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2002.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Avilla.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

William "Wild" David Bonar, 50

BIG LAKE – William "Wild" David Bonar, 50, died at 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2002 South of Wilmot Indiana. He was a victim of a drowning early Saturday morning.

He was born on May 1, 1952 in Wolf Lake to Paul and Anna (Adams) Bonar Galloway. He was a self employed handy man and lived most of his life in this community.

Surviving are his mother, Anna Galloway of Warsaw; two sisters, Barbara Paulin of Perryville, MD and Paula Ousley of Warsaw; two half-brothers, Donald E. Galloway of Stafford, TX and Vernon Galloway of Syracuse; several nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father Paul Bonar.

Services will be held at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion on Sunday, June 30, 2002. Visitation is two hours prior to the funeral.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

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Eric Battrick

FORT WAYNE — Eric M. Battrick, 49, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. Battrick owned his own printing business, Associates Lithograph. He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his father, Eric J. Battrick of Fort Wayne; his companion, Mary Jo Lehan of Fort Wayne; a brother, David Battrick of Avilla; and a sister, Priscilla Harless of Fort Wayne.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 5 and 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, with rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Bishop Luers Track, donor's choice or Masses.

Elaine Stults

FORT WAYNE — Elaine Stults, 86, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor.

The homemaker was born in Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter, Ann L. Campbell of Fort Wayne; two granddaughters, Lisa A. Ludwig and Laurie J. Wilson, both of Fort Wayne; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Eugene Gindlesparger of Rock Island, Ill.

Preceding her in death is her husband, Chalmer D. Stults.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is four hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army or Rescue Mission.

Eleanora Kruckeberg

FORT WAYNE — Eleanora Wilson Kruckeberg, 89, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Before retiring in 1975, Mrs. Kruckeberg worked at Essex International. She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two daughters, Sharon Pelkie of Kendallville and Joan Fretz of Fort Wayne; a son, Stephen B. Kruckeberg of New Haven; a stepdaughter, Barbara Monroe of Fort Wayne; a stepson, James Kruckeberg of Angola; 19 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur C. Kruckeberg, and a stepson, David Kruckeberg.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 2 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Richard Niedermeyer

FORT WAYNE — Richard E. Niedermeyer, 63, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Niedermeyer worked as a custodian at St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne. He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Mary A. Niedermeyer; two sons, Nathan E. Dawkins of Fort Wayne and David A. Dawkins of Butler; seven sisters, Betty Niedermeyer, Bonnie Royal, Norma Niedermeyer, Linda Cochran and Dorothy Monnier, all of Fort Wayne, Mary L. Cook of Uniondale and Joyce Pease of Rome City; a brother, Charles Niedermeyer of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to St. John the Baptist School or South Wayne Baptist Church.

THE NEWS-SUN FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2002

Eleanora Kruckeberg

KENDALLVILLE — Eleanora (Wilson) Kruckeberg, 89, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne on June 27, 1942. She married Arthur C. Kruckeberg. Before moving to Kendallville, she resided in Auburn for 39 years.

Mrs. Kruckeberg

Before retiring in 1975, Mrs. Kruckeberg worked at Essex International for seven years. She was a member of Risen Savior Lutheran Church and enjoyed ceramic painting.

Surviving are: two daughters, Sharon Pelkie of Kendallville and Joan Fretz of Fort Wayne; a son, Stephen B. Kruckeberg of New Haven; a stepdaughter, Barbara Monroe of Fort Wayne; a stepson, James Kruckeberg of Angola; 19 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Feb. 15, 1990. Also preceding her in death were a stepson, David Kruckeberg; a granddaughter, Nancy Kruckeberg; a great-grandson; and three sisters.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 8010 W. Jefferson St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is one hour prior to services on Saturday and today from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Lydian Schrock

LAGRANGE — Lydian A. Schrock, 34, died Thursday, June 27, 2002, at her residence in LaGrange.

Miss Schrock was a clerk and secretary at E&S Sales in Shipshewana. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Nov. 26, 1967, to Andrew J. and Katie E. (Petersheime) Schrock in Goshen. She lived all of her life in LaGrange.

Surviving are her father, Andrew J. Schrock of LaGrange; six sisters and brothers-in-law, Edith and Edward Schmucker of Bronson, Mich.; Freda and Elva Bontrager of Shipshewana; Wilma and Alvin Beechy and Amanda and Marvin Beechy, all of LaGrange; and Mary and Elmer Bontrager and Clara and Dennis Bontrager, all of Cambia, Wis.; two sisters, Ada A. Schrock and Miriam A. Schrock, both of LaGrange; five brothers and sisters-in-law, David A. and Elnora Schrock of Pardeeville, Wis.; Mervin A. and Mary Schrock of Middlebury; Ervin A. and Esther Schrock of LaGrange; Daniel A. and Orphie Schrock of Hillsboro, Wis.; and Jacob A. and Mattie Schrock of Cambria, Wis.; and 88 nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Katie E. Schrock.

Services are 1 p.m. Sunday at the Perry Bontrager residence, 5520W C.R. 100N, in LaGrange. Bishop Simon W. Miller will officiate, assisted by home ministers. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is after 6 p.m. Friday and all day Saturday at the family residence, 4635W C.R. 100N, in LaGrange.

Funeral arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2002

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.

Eleanora Kruckeberg

KENDALLVILLE — Eleanora (Wilson) Kruckeberg, 89, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kruckeberg

She was born in Fort Wayne on April 19, 1913. On June 27, 1942, she married Arthur C. Kruckeberg. Before moving to Kendallville, she resided in Auburn for 39 years.

Before retiring in 1975, Mrs. Kruckeberg worked at Essex International for seven years. She was a member of Risen Savior Lutheran Church and enjoyed ceramic painting.

Surviving are: two daughters, Sharon Pelkie of Kendallville and Joan Fretz of Fort Wayne; a son, Stephen B. Kruckeberg of New Haven; a stepdaughter, Barbara Monroe of Fort Wayne; a stepson, James Kruckeberg of Angola; 19 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Feb. 15, 1990. Also preceding her in death were a stepson, David Kruckeberg; a granddaughter, Nancy Kruckeberg; a great-grandson; and three sisters.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today at Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 8010 W. Jefferson St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is one hour prior to services today at the church

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Randy Stafford

WATERLOO — Randy L. Stafford, 52, died Friday, June 28, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Stafford worked at Eaton Corp. in Auburn, and was a member of the UAW Local 164 in Auburn.

He was born July 26, 1949, to Gene and Annabelle (Donaldson) Stafford. His mother preceded him in death, and his father survives in Waterloo.

He married Vicki (Mettert) Stafford April 26, 1969, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Heather and Francis Hamman of Waterloo, and Mandy Stafford of Antwerp, Ohio; three brothers, Mike Stafford of Auburn, Rick Stafford of Goshen, and Reg Stafford of Story Lake; a sister, Karen Badman of Kendallville; and five grandchildren, Kyle Stafford, Leah Hamman, Coby Parker, Spencer Banks, and Gavin Banks.

Private family services are Sunday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial is in Sedan Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Sunday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Anna Jefferies

KENDALLVILLE — Anna Jefferies, 91, died Friday, June 28, 2002, at Fox Run Manor Nursing Home in Findlay, Ohio.

Mrs. Jefferies, a homemaker, lived in Mishawaka for 40 years before moving to Kendallville in 1981. She then moved to Findlay, Ohio, in 1997.

She was born Feb. 10, 1911, to Alva and Carrie (Hines) Streby.

She married Albert Jefferies June 15, 1929, in LaGrange. He preceded her in death in 1975.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Althea Baker of South Bend, Pat and Gary Scott of Bluffton and Sandy and Edward Dennis of Findlay, Ohio; a sister, Edith Buck of Mishawaka; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

Private family services are Sunday with burial at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Sunday from 9-11 a.m. at the cemetery.

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John Schlabach

GOSHEN — John E. Schlabach, 71, died Saturday, June 29, 2002, at 8:01 a.m. in a truck-bicycle accident near his home on C.R. 32, Goshen.

He was a minister and member of the Old Order Amish Church and was a woodworker. He lived most of his life in the Goshen area.

Mr. Schlabach was born Nov. 20, 1930, in LaGrange County to Emanual and Nora (Miller) Schlabach.

He married Wilma Yoder on Nov. 15, 1956, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Miriam and Omer Hochstetler of Millersburg, and Lorene and LaMar Kuhns of Nappanee; six sons and daughters-in-law, LaVern and Fannie Schlabach, Maynard and Ruth Schlabach, and John Schlabach Jr. and Marlene Schlabach, all of Goshen, Glen and Esther Schlabach, and Larry and Mary Schlabach, all of Middlebury, and Mervin and Linda Schlabach of London, Ohio; six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Emma and Dave Kaufman of St. Ignatius, Mont., Esther and Rudy Miller of Middlebury, Wilma Yoder of Middlebury, Mabel and Eli Miller of Goshen, Viola and Ervin Bontrager of Shipshewana and Alice and Elmer Yoder of Topeka; 33 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One brother, Orva, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the John Schlabach Jr. home at 64380 C.R. 43, with Bishop Alvin Hershberger and the Rev. Perry Mast officiating. Burial will be in Southeast Clinton Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday after 6 p.m. and all day Monday at the family home at 10942 C.R. 32.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 201 S. Main St., Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Fisel

FORT WAYNE — Richard M. "Rick" Fisel, 33, died early Saturday morning, June 29, 2002, at his Fort Wayne home.

Mr. Fisel was a mechanic at Pro-Towing Co. in Fort Wayne and had previously been employed at Wesley Motors in Fort Wayne. He formerly lived in Churubusco and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1987. He enjoyed car racing, NASCAR and fishing.

He was born Feb. 28, 1969, in Sumter, S.C.

He married Tammy (Sell) Vaughn on Sept. 30, 1997, in Chattanooga, Tenn., and she survives.

Also surviving are his mother and stepfather, Linda and Mike Hamlin of Churubusco; two stepdaughters, Shanan Cavarellio of Fort Wayne and Jessica Vaughn of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Trevor Vaughn of Fort Wayne; a stepsister and stepbrother-in-law, Tonya and Eric Harvath of Loon Lake; two stepbrothers and stepsisters-in-law, Patrick and Ginger Schneider of Dallas, Texas, and Nicholas and Bre Harkins of Fort Irwin, Calif.; his maternal grandmother, Alice Schlemmer of Ligonier; and his paternal stepgrandparents, Erwin and Shirley Detwiler of Cromwell.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Michael Hannon

SOUTH BEND — Michael Jerome Hannon, 45, died Friday morning, June 28, 2002, after an automobile accident near Angola.

Mr. Hannon was employed as a salesman for J & T Auto Sales in Angola. He had lived in South Bend since 1978, moving there from Anderson. He graduated in 1975 from Anderson High School and attended Ball State University.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 423 in Orland. He loved boating, water skiing, the lake, golf and spending time with his family.

He was born Dec. 10, 1956, in Anderson to Max Richard Hannon and Rosalie (Harrison) Hannon. His mother survives at Lake Gage, Angola, and Sarasota, Fla. His father preceded him in death.

He married Nancy L. Johnston on May 17, 1980, in Richmond and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Aaron Richard Hannon, Kevin William Hannon, Kurt Edward Hannon and Ross Michael Hannon, all of South Bend.

A brother, Daniel Harrison Hannon, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, 2528 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend. The Rev. James B. Miller, pastor of Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Cremation will take place wth burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to an education trust for the Hannon children, in care of Teachers Credit Union, 133 E. McKinley Ave., Mishawaka IN 46545.

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Pauline Utley

GOSHEN — Pauline Daniels Utley, 77, died Friday, June 28, 2002, at 8 a.m. in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, where she had been hospitalized for three weeks.

Mrs. Utley had been employed at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne and then at Johnson Controls in Goshen, where she worked for 30 years. She formerly lived in Ligonier and moved to Goshen in 1983.

She was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School and a member of Goshen Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Penn Athletic Association. She enjoyed watching sports, especially basketball, and was always ready to go shopping.

She was born Aug. 28, 1924, in Wolf Lake to Nicklos and Etta Mae (Addis) Herron.

She married Elbert Daniels in in 1945 and he died in 1980. She then married Russell Utley in 1983 and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Nancy Daniels of Swayzee, and Daryl and Peggy Daniels of Syracuse; one daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Wayne Karnes of Nappanee; three sisters, Jeanette Beezley of Merriam, Mary Jane Paulus of Columbia City, and Martha Lund of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Max, Floyd and Ken Herron, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling after 3 p.m. The Rev. Rick Brouillette will officiate.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Kendallville businessman Richard 'Dick' Pontius dies

Mr. Pontius

KENDALLVILLE — Well-known Kendallville businessman Richard L. "Dick" Pontius, 67, died unexpectedly Saturday, June 29, 2002, at 2:05 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A lifetime Kendallville resident, Mr. Pontius was manager of the Kendallville Farm & Flower Shop, 224 E. Mitchell St., for more than 20 years. He was a member of the Kendallville Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Pontius was born May 7, 1935, to Russel and Alice (Smith) Pontius.

Surviving are a brother, Allen Pontius of Kendallville; a sister, Geneva Porter of Stroh; and several nieces and nephews.

Three sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

His funeral will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Kendallville Church of the Nazarene, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Kevin Sneed will officiate. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville.

Additional calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Church of the Nazarene Building Fund.

Larry Gray

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — CW-2 Retired Larry Carl Gray, 55, died Thursday, June 27, 2002, at Gateway Medical Center in Clarksville, Tenn.

Mr. Gray was a press operator at Print Excel and lived in Clarksville. He served in the U.S. Army as a CW-2 helicopter pilot. He was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 31, Angola, and Excell Baptist Church of Clarksville.

He was born June 24, 1947, in Garrett to Lewis F. and Wanda (Huber) Gray. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Linda Deetz, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael L. Gray and Patrick R. Gray, both of Clarksville; one daughter, Kimberlie Hurd of Clarksville; one sister, Jeanne Romero of Montgomery, Mich.; and two granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 4 p.m. in Excell Baptist Church with the Rev. Terrel Marcom officiating.

Memorials are to Excell Baptist Church Building Fund, 328 Excell Road, Clarksville TN 37043 or Cameron Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola IN 46703.

Sykes Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., 424 Franklin St., Clarksville, is in charge of arrangements.

Anna Jeffries

ALBION — Anna Jeffries, 91, died Friday, June 28, 2002, at 7:10 a.m. in Fox Run Manor Nursing Home at Findlay, Ohio.

Mrs. Jeffries was a homemaker and lived in Mishawaka for 40 years before moving to Kendallville in 1981. She moved to Findlay in 1997.

She was born Feb. 10, 1911, in Albion to Alva and Carrie (Hines) Streby.

She married Albert Jeffries on June 15, 1929, in LaGrange. He died in 1975.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Althea Baker of South Bend, Pat and Gary Scott of Bluffton, and Sandy and Edward Dennis of Findlay; one sister, Edith Buck of Mishawaka; eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Private family graveside services will be held today in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is today from 9-11 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Richard Fisel

CHURUBUSCO — Richard M. "Rick" Fisel, 33, died Saturday, June 29, 2002, at his residence in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fisel worked as a mechanic at Pro-Tow Towing Co., Fort Wayne. Before that he worked at Wesley Motors, Fort Wayne. He enjoyed car racing, NASCAR and fishing.

He was born Feb. 28, 1969, in Sumter, S.C. He spent his formative years in Churubusco and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1987. He married Tammy (Sell) Vaughn Sept. 30, 1997, in Chattanooga, Tenn. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother and stepfather, Linda and Mike Hamlin of Churubusco; two stepdaughters, Shanan Cavarellio and Jessica Vaughn, both of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Trevor Vaughn of Fort Wayne; two stepsisters and their husbands, Tonya and Eric Harvath of Loon Lake and Myra and Bill Blessing of Churubusco; two stepbrothers and their wives, Patrick and Ginger Schneider of Dallas, Texas, and Nicholas and Bre Harkins of Fort Irwin, Calif.; his maternal grandmother, Alice Schlemmer of Ligonier; and his paternal stepgrandparents, Erwin and Shirley Detwiler of Cromwell.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Larry Smith of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church will officiate.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Ethel Fieneman

KENDALLVILLE — Ethel B. Fieneman, 98, died Monday, July 1, 2002, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Errol Schuman

COLUMBIA CITY — H. Errol Schuman, 83, died Sunday, June 30, 2002, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Schuman owned E. Schuman and Son Excavating and co-owned Mudslide Ceramics in Columbia City. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War.

He was born in Richland Township.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Krider of Columbia City; a son, E. DeVon Schuman of Columbia City; two brothers, Melvin Schuman of South Milford and Hal Schuman of Avilla; his former wife, Ailsa L. "Billie" Schuman of Columbia City; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and his companion, Charlene D. Geneva of Columbia City.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be in South Park Original Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling is one hour before services and 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@demoneygrimes.com.

Dylan Stafford

ANGOLA — Dylan Micheal Stafford, 5, of Angola, died Saturday, June 29, 2002.

He attended Vistula Park Head Start and would have attended Carlin Park Elementary School in the fall.

He was born July 30, 1996, in Angola to Eric Joseph and Brighid Leagh (Kelly) Stafford. They survive in Angola.

Also surviving are one sister, Emily Elizabeth Stafford of Angola; his maternal grandparents, Janet Laughlin of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Richard Kelly of Binghamton, N.Y.; his paternal grandparents, Sherry and Ron Tritch of Fremont, and Dale Stafford of Pioneer, Ohio; his maternal great-grandmothers, Marcia Kelly of Binghamton and Bertha Laughlin of Fremont; his paternal great-grandparents, Rolla and Laura Green Adams of Muncie and Jim and Sue Fair of Rockwood, Tenn.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Stafford

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with president Donovan Malone officiating. Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery, Columbia, Ohio.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of First National Bank of Fremont, 15 Public Square, Angola IN 46703.

Sarah Wilhelm

NORTH MANCHESTER — Sarah L. Wilhelm, 82, died Sunday, June 30, 2002, at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester.

Mrs. Wilhelm was a homemaker and a former bookkeeper for the LaOtto Grain Elevator. She retired in 1982 after working for seven years at Essex Wire in Auburn. She was a member of the Lakewood Park Baptist Church of Auburn.

She was born Dec. 2, 1919, in Argos, Ind., to George W. and Iva Elizabeth (Horner) Saygers.

She married William Cecil Wilhelm on Jan. 24, 1936. He died Dec. 14, 1979.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, William and Barbara Wilhelm of Rochester, Ind.; one daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Richard Long of Leesburg; two grandchildren and their spouses, Sheri and Bryan Runyan of Warsaw and Christopher and Tina Wilhelm of Quincy, Mich.; a great-granddaughter, Megan Runyan and a stepgreat-grandson, Ben Cook; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Clare Jewell will officiate. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 1:30-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Joseph Bienick

KENDALLVILLE — Joseph J. Bienick, 83, died Saturday, June 29, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Before retiring in 1984, Mr. Bienick was an engineer and tool-and-dye maker at Sturgis Tool and Dye. He was a member of the Kendallville Elks and Moose clubs.

He was born Feb. 19, 1919, to Matthew and Bertha Bienick in Grand Rapids, Mich. He married Josephine Stockli Nov. 30, 1946, in New York City. They moved to the area from Ottumwa, Iowa, over 30 years ago. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son, Richard Bienick of Rochester, Mich.; two daughters, Jane McManus of Elmira, N.Y., and Christine Bienick of Kendallville; five grandchildren; and a brother, Julius Bienick of Grand Rapids, Mich.

He was preceded in death by a sister.

There are no services or calling.

Funeral arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Kathleen Redman

COLUMBIA CITY — Kathleen A. Redman, 77, died Monday, July 2, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Redman was at waitress at 30 Club for many years and had worked at Weatherhead. She was born in Columbia City.

Surviving are four sons, Michael J. Redman of Columbia City, Richard "Kit" Redman of Savannah, Ga., Kirby D. Redman of Minocqua, Wis., and Brian D. Redman of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Paul D. Redman, preceded her in death in April.

Services are 3 p.m. Friday at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Columbia City. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Columbia City.

Calling is one hour before services and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Memorials are to the St. Francis Alzheimer's unit of Provena Sacred Heart Home or the church building fund.

Reinold Tytler

SYRACUSE — Reinold C. "Ted" Tytler, 80, died Monday, July 1, 2002, in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Tytler was co-owner of Mock's Marine Service for 38 years and retired from Zimmer, where he had worked for 15 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He lived in Syrcuse and was a member of the North Webster American Legion Post and the Society of Professional Engineers.

He was born Jan. 26, 1922, in Auburn.

He married Willodean Mock in 1942. She died in 1998.

One brother, Lynn Tytler of Auburn, survives.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Oakridge Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home-Harris Chapel, 7458 E. CR. 1000 N, Syracuse.

Ethel Fieneman

KENDALLVILLE — Ethel B. Fieneman, 98, died Monday, July 1, 2002, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

Mrs. Fieneman owned and operated the Fieneman Mobile Home Park in Kendallville and was a member of St. John Lutheran Church.

She was born Aug. 22, 1903, to Bruce and Anna (Hanson) Banta in Middlebury, where she graduated from Middlebury Joint High School. She married William Fieneman April 7, 1942, in Corunna. He preceded her in death March 22, 1962. She then moved to Kendallville.

Also preceding her in death were a brother and two sisters.

Surviving are a nephew, Phillip Banta of Palmetto, Fla.; a niece, Carol Detwiler of Green Fork; a cousin, Lois Poyser of Kendallville; and several great nieces and nephews.

Services are 3 p.m. Friday at St. John Lutheran Church. The Rev. Paul Griebel will officiate. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Corunna.

Calling is two hours before services.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Richard "Dick" Pontius** were held 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Kendallville Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Kevin Sneed officiated.

Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery. Pallbearers were Russell Porter, Brad, Adam and Rex Pontius, Todd Stringfellow, Dan Bright and Jeff Reynolds. Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Mary Gingerich

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary Ellen Gingerich, 76, died Tuesday, July 2, 2002, at Goshen Hospital.

Mrs. Gingerich was a housewife and a member of the Old Order Amish Church. She was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County.

She was born Nov. 9, 1925, to Monroe J. and Katie (Yoder) Miller in LaGrange County. She married Ezra J. Gingerich Feb. 12, 1953. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Norma and Perry Lambright of Shipshewana and Marlene and Wilbur Mast of Topeka; two sons, W. Dean and Marvin Gingerich, both of Middlebury; 19 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Freeda Miller and Lou Ellen and Mahlon Cross Jr., all of Topeka; and a brother, Ernest D. Miller of Topeka.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Willard Miller.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family home at 4855W C.R. 300N. Bishop Mahlon Lambright will officiate. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is after noon Thursday and all day Friday at the family home.

Funeral arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

ALBION NEW ERA July 3, 2002

Thomas M. Moeller, 74

ALBION – Thomas M. Moeller, 74, died Saturday, June 29, 2002 at Parkview Memorial Hospital. He was born in Fort Wayne. He was a repairman with International Harvester for 31 years retiring in 1975.

He was a member of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City; VFW-Post 4717, Wolf Lake; Catholic order of Forresters; Knights of Columbus Council 11043.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret M. of Albion; sons, Joseph T. Moeller, Thomas M. Moeller, Jr., Mark A Moeller and William J. Moeller all of Fort Wayne; daughters, Anna M. Marquardt and Mary M. McGee both of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, four brothers and three sisters. Mass of Christian burial was Wednesday, July 3, 2002 at St. Jude Catholic Church. Burial in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Memorials to American Heart Association, Riley Children's Hospital or Masses.

Anna Jeffries, 91

ALBION – Anna Jeffries, 91, died Friday, June 28, 2002, at 7:10 a.m. in Fox Run Manor Nursing Home at Findlay, Ohio.

Mrs. Jeffries was a homemaker and lived in Mishawaka for 40 years before moving to Kendallville in 1981. She moved to Findlay in 1997.

She was born Feb. 10, 1911, in Albion to Alva and Carrie (Hines) Streby. She married Albert Jeffries on June 15, 1929, in LaGrange. He died in 1975.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Althea Baker of South Bend, Pat and Gary Scott of Bluffton, and Sandy and Edward Dennis of Findlay; one sister, Edith Buck of Mishawaka; eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Private family graveside services were held Sunday, June 30, 2002. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

anet Telschow

CHURUBUSCO — Janet elschow, 95, died Tuesday, July 2, 002, at 7:53 p.m. in Hospice Home f Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. he had been in declining health and ad been a patient at the hospice ome for a week.

Mrs. Telschow

Mrs. Telschow ntered nurse's raining at the former Methodist Hospital in Fort Wayne and later worked as a nurse at Whitley County Hospital in Columbia City and at the Allen County Children's Home. She also did private duty nursing.

She assisted her husband in the operation of a bakery in Fort Wayne for several years. She formerly lived in Fremont, Butler and Fort Wayne before moving to Blue Lake near Churbusco in 1952. She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church. She graduated from Butler High School in 1925.

She was born July 10, 1906, in DeKalb County, Ill., to Wallace and Cornelia (Graham) Graham.

She married Lewis B. Telschow on Oct. 23, 1927, in Fort Wayne. He died Feb. 26, 1991.

Surviving are one daughter, Mary Ann Telschow of Orlando, Fla.; a sister, Annabelle Bender of Fruitland, Park, Fla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Donzella Graham of St. Joe; three grandsons, Ed Davis of Albion, Robert Davis of Chicago and Hans Forestal of Orlando; seven great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held today at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Her nephew, Bill Brand, officiated.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Velma Shank

HUNTERTOWN — Velma L. Shank, 89, died Wednesday, July 3, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Shank was a farmer and homemaker. She was a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church, its United Methodist Women and the Huntertown Home Progress Club. She was past worthy matron of Huntertown Order of the Eastern Star, and was a member of Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136.

Mrs. Shank

She was born April 7, 1913, to Guy and Mary (Heffley) Tooman in Putnam County, Ohio. She graduated from Miller City High School in 1930 in the same class with her husband. She married Glenn A. Shank on Jan. 10, 1931, in Ottawa, Ohio.

The couple lived in Auburn for 10 years, then bought a 340-acre farm in Eel River Township. There they ran a mint distillery and sold processed mint to plants in Indiana and Michigan. They also raised and sold a variety of vegetables for the company that made and distributed V-8 vegetable juice. The couple moved to Huntertown 30 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Glenn A. Shank; a son and daughter-in-law, Gerald "Bud" and Sally Shank of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Edward Ryan and Virginia and L. Roger Harrod, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Dianna Shank of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Gladys Schey of Paulding, Ohio, and Audrey Hollis of Garrett; 15 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert L. Shank on Jan. 22, 1996; a brother, Earl Tooman; a sister, Pauline Ridenour; a grandson, Anthony Shank; and a great-granddaughter, Anne Ryan.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Huntertown United Methodist Church. The Rev. David Michel and the Rev. Sherri Long will officiate. Burial will be in the Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling one hour prior to services and 2 to 8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to Huntertown United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Dorothy 'Jean' Cochard

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy "Jean" Cochard, 75, died Thursday, July 4, 2002, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Before retiring in 1987, Mrs. Cochard was a substitute teacher in Kendallville elementary schools, worked in the office of Reliable Tool and was secretary to the president of Universal Friction for three years.

Mrs. Cochard

Her hobbies were researching old homes and genealogy. She authored a book, "Kendallville Families and Their Homes," published in 1976 for the Bicentennial and worked for over two years on the Noble County history book published in 1986. She has written over 200 family stories.

She was an American Red Cross Volunteer and a member of Trinity Church United Methodist. She was a 57-year member of Tri Kappa, having belonged to both the Gamma Xi and Beta Associate chapters, where she served as corresponding secretary many times.

She was born July 9, 1926, to Olin and Pearl (Poyser) Stiver in Kendallville. Her grandfather was the late Lewis J. Stiver, a dentist in Ligonier. She married DeWitt "Dewey" Lee Cochard on Oct. 12, 1947, in the First Methodist Church in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Lee and Kathy Cochard of Auburn, Dr. Larry and Sue Cochard of Evanston, Ill., Lynn and Kim Cochard of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen and Dan Burtnette of Fort Wayne and Kathy Cochard of Bloomington; a brother, Jack Stiver of Kendallville; and six grandchildren, Jeff, Jane and Janelle Cochard of Auburn and Joey and Jacqueline Burtnette of Fort Wayne.

Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Robert Farmer will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Michelle Everidge

STROH — Michelle R. (Grabill) Everidge, 32, of Stroh died Friday, July 5, 2002, in Angola.

She was born on Oct. 22, 1969, to Gordon and Janet (Graham) Grabill of Angola. Both survive. She married Rick N. Everidge on June 22, 1991, in Angola. He also survives.

She was employed as an eighth-grade teacher at Prairie Heights Middle School from 1996 to 2002 and also taught eighth-grade at Kendallville Central Middle School from 1995 to 1996. While teaching at Prairie Heights, she coached volleyball and was the assistant theater director at the high school.

Mrs. Everidge

She graduated valedictorian from Prairie Heights High School and later graduated from Purdue University with a degree in English and theater. She participated in volleyball, basketball, track, National Honor Society and numerous school musicals. A 10-year 4-H member, she enjoyed showing horses and cattle. She was the 1988 Steuben County 4-H Fair Queen. She was a member of the Purdue Equestrian team. She taught Sunday school and directed musicals at Stroh Church of God. She attended SonLight Community Church in Angola. Her hobbies included horseback riding and musicals at the Starlight Community Theatre at Prairie Heights.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by one daughter, Haylee Everidge; one son, Cassten Everidge; two sisters, Jackie (Rick) Hasty of Swayzee and Jennifer Grabill of Angola; two nieces; two nephews; and several cousins.

She was precede in death by her grandparents, Thomas Merle and Ester Grabill, along with Albert and Genevieve Graham.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at SonLight Community Church in Angola. Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the church, with visitation also one hour before the service.

Memorials are to the Prairie Heights Drama Department, Prairie Heights High School, 0295S—1150E, LaGrange, IN, 46761 or to SonLight Community Church, 269S C.R. 200W, Angola, IN 46703.

Verna Meeks

FORT WAYNE — Verna M. Meeks, 91, died Thursday, July 4, 2002, at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne and worked for General Electric, from which she retired in 1960. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

She is survived by stepsons Robert L. Meeks of LaGrange and Charles "Bud" Meeks of Leo-Cedarville, both of whom are state senators in northeastern Indiana, and Frederick H. Meeks of Fort Wayne, nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roy B. Meeks in 1985, parents Chris and Hedwing Bullerman, two brother and three sisters.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Lutheran Home of Fort Wayne.

Betty LaForce

LAGRANGE — Betty J. LaForce, 68, of LaGrange died Friday, July 5, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

She was born on Feb. 8, 1934, in Mason County, Ky., to Richard Ross and Elizabeth (Jones) Ross. Both preceded her in death. She married Benjamin R. LaForce Sr., who survives, on March 18, 1979. She moved to LaGrange from Hillsbro, Ky., in 1985.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. LaForce is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. Richard (Naomi) Noyes of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Judy Toy of Springport; Richard and Irene Toy of Hillsbro, Ky.; a third son, Burly Lee Hardin of Ohio; two sisters, Delores and Teresa Kay Gallagher of Hillsbro; one brother, Claude Ross of Hillsbro; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Richard Thomas Ross.

Services are Monday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at McCoy Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

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Bonnie Kline

ALBION — Bonnie J. Kline, 69, died Friday, July 5, 2002 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Howard Emmert

HOWE — Howard W. Emmert, 91, of Tulsa, Okla., formerly of Howe, died Thursday, July 4, 2002.

Born on Aug. 13, 1910, to John and Grace (Plank) Emmert of Topeka, he lived most of his life in the northern Indiana/southern Michigan area before moving, with his wife, Gwen, to be near their daughter in 1992.

He attended public school in the Topeka/Wawaka area and while still in high school, went to work for the Kempp Garage in Topeka. From early on, he and his brother, Roy, had a fascination for cars and airplanes, and he received his private pilot's license on July 1, 1930, just prior to his 20th birthday. This ushered in a lifelong love of flying, and he was a lifetime member of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers.

After working for the Kempp family in Topeka and Detroit, Emmert's primary career was with the Skelgas division of Skelly Oil Co. He held a variety of positions and was located in Topeka, Sturgis and Jackson, Mich., and then in both Fort Wayne and Warsaw before retiring in 1972. He and Gwen then built a retirement home and lived in Howe for the next 20 years. During that time, he was an active member of the Howe United Methodist Church, the Lions Club and the Indiana Wing of OX5 where he was instrumental in assisting the establishment of the Air Museum at Baer Field in Fort Wayne. He was also chief mechanic and overseer of the antique auto collection at Ruthmere in Elkhart.

He was married June 6, 1937, in Howe to E. Gwendolyn Yunker, who preceded him in death. He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. John Emmert and Kathy Emmert of Lancaster, Pa.; a daughter and son-in-law Marcella and Dr. Robert Lawless of Tulsa, Okla.; two sisters, Velma Kingsley of Toledo, Ohio, and Vera Ulmer of Mesa, Ariz.; three grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Howe United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dewey Miller and the Rev. John Emmert officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials may be directed to the Howard W. Emmert Memorial Fund, c/o Howe United Methodist Church.

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Woodrow J. Daniels

FORT WAYNE — Woodrow "Woodie" J. Daniels, 83, died Friday, July 5, 2002, at River Bend Nursing Home.

Mr. Daniels was a U.S. Navy veteran and served in World War II. He retired in 1981 after serving as a mechanic for Means Cadillac in Fort Wayne.

He was born November 7, 1918 in Cookville, Tenn.

Surviving him are one daughter, Sandy Blosser of Fort Wayne; one son, Jerry Daniels of Avilla; two sisters, Peg Daniels of Roseville, Mich. and Bill Frank of St. Claire Shores, Mich.; one brother, Cork Daniels of Reed City, Mich.; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine, in 1977.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at E. Harper and Son Funeral Home in New Haven. Burial is in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Bonnie Kline

ALBION — Bonnie Jean Kline, 69, died at 12:10 p.m. Friday, July 5, 2002, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kline was a lifetime resident of Albion. She was a retired employee of Essex Wire in Ligonier. She was a member of the Albion Wesleyan Church and a local artist who enjoyed painting and gardening.

She was born on June 2, 1933, to Carl E. and Eva (Coe) Ravenscroft. Her father preceded her in death Her mother survives.

She married David Kline on Sept. 3, 1982. He preceded her in death on May 5, 1995.

Surviving her are one step-daughter, Linda Trowbridge of Columbia City; one step-son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Kay Kline of Canton, Ohio; one sister, June M. Jacob of Albion; two nieces, Diana King and Carol Huff, both of Albion; one nephew, Phillip Jacob of Albion; five grandchildren, Kari Horner, Karla Barnhart, Alicia Baird, Kyle Kline and Kurt Kline; one great-grandchild, Autumn Horner; two great-nieces and five great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Robert Ravenscroft.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Albion Wesleyan Church. Rev. Eric Ball will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Memorials are to Albion Wesleyan Church.

Brandon Haro-Rodriguez

LIGONIER — Brandon Alexis Haro-Rodriguez, 3, died Friday, July 5, 2002, in an accident that occured on U.S. 33 between C.R. 44 and C.R. 46 in Elkhart County.

Brandon was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

He was born to parents Salvador Haro and Dora Rodriguez on Oct. 27, 1998, in Kendallville. They both survive.

Also surviving him are two sisters, Stephanie Haro-Rodriguez of Ligonier and Yesenia Haro-Rodriguez of Ligonier; paternal grandparents, Salvador Haro and Camerina Contreras of Ligonier; and maternal grandparents, Francisco Rodriguez and Marie Montiel of Auascalientes, Mexico.

Services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home. Father Jose Villanoeva will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling is from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Charlotte McDuffee

AIKEN, S.C. — Charlotte Lee McDuffee, 57, died Saturday, June 29, 2002, at Aiken Regional Medical Centers.

Ms. McDuffee was a home economics teacher at New Ellenton Middle School, Lucy C. Laney High School and George P. Butler Comprehensive High School.

Surviving her are parents, Lee and Laura Jane (Bers) McDuffee of LaOtto; one daughter and her fiance, Jennifer Leigh Gordon and Karl Baker of Mt. Pleasant; two sisters, Clara Ann Yarian of Aiken and Carolyn Pequignot of Fort Wayne.

Services were held Tuesday, July 2 at Shellhouse Funeral Home Chapel.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church, 224 Barnwell Ave., NW, Aiken, S.C.

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Quick Tanks owner Evelyn Bostwick dies

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn I. Bostwick, 91, died Saturday, July 6, 2002, at 5:25 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bostwick was the owner of Quick Tanks in Kendallville for 52 years. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. She had lived in Fort Wayne for the past three years.

She was born Aug. 23, 1910, in Coleman, Mich., to John E. and Ella (Walker) McFarland.

She married Robert E. Quick on June 26, 1937, in Angola. He died July 18, 1961.

She then married J.W. Bostwick on Sept. 15, 1972, in Defiance, Ohio, and he died June 28, 1988.

Surviving are one son, Tom Quick of Wolcottville; one daughter, Susan Childers of Stapelton, Neb.; one stepdaughter, Linda Brose of Defiance, Ohio; two brothers, Don McFarland and William McFarland, both of Grand Rapids, Mich.; one sister, Murial Neeland of Spring Arbor, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

A brother, John McFarland, preceded her in death.

Private services will be held today in Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Beulah Zolman

COLUMBIA CITY — Beulah E. Zolman, 93, died Sunday, July 7, 2002, in The Oaks, where she had been a patient since June 20, 1997.

Mrs. Zolman was a homemaker and sold Avon products for 21 years. She also drove a school bus for a brief period.

Mrs. Zolman

She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

She was born Dec. 27, 1908, to Homer and Lily Fleck Shaffer in Smith Township, Whitley County. Her formative years were spent there with a brief period in Kendallville.

She married Clyde D. Zolman Nov. 6, 1927. They spent most of their married life on a farm in Smith Township and moved to Columbia City in July 1991. He preceded her in death Sept. 14, 1993.

Also preceding her in death is a brother, Olin Shaffer.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara Lou and Donald Bonar and DeLara and Larry Miller, all of Columbia City; three sons and daughters-in-law, Dean E. and Sharon Zolman of Churubusco, Nick L. and Elaine Zolman of Columbia City and the Rev. Terry L. and Julie Zolman of Albion; 15 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Merriam Christian Chapel Church, Merriam. The Rev. Rex Bonar, grandson of Mrs. Zolman, and the Rev. Terry L. Zolman will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is one hour before services at the church and 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Memorials are to Christian Chapel Church or the Gideons.

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Janice Thacker

KENDALLVILLE — Janice M. Thacker, 58, died Tuesday, July 9, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Thacker worked at Bollhoff-Rivnut, Kendallville. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

Mrs. Thacker

She was born Sept. 3, 1943, to Warren N. and Viola M. (Hammel) Smith in Kendallville. She was a lifetime area resident. She married Russell Basil Thacker Dec. 26, 1985, in South Milford. He preceded her in death April 25, 1998.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Max Smith, and a sister, Evelyn Gibson.

Surviving are a daughter, Vicky Smith of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Stacy Hays, Kendra Smith and Jennifer and Steven Hostler; a sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Gene Lash of Kendallville; and two brothers, Kenneth Smith of Saucier, Miss., and James Smith of Kendallville.

There are no services.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Thomas McDonald

ALBION — Thomas A. McDonald, 52, died Tuesday, June 4, 2002, in Carson Tahoe Hospital in Carson City, Nev.

Mr. McDonald was a nuclear scientist and an international expert on nuclear plant safety.

He was born in Elkhart and lived in Albion before moving to Nevada.

Surviving are his mother, Pauline Winebrenner McDonald Billman of Carson City; two brothers, James G. McDonald of Arlington, Va., and David Shawn of Sparks, Nev.; and two sisters, Janice R. Logan of Wall Lake and Karen Bowman of Carson City.

Services are at a later date.

Funeral arrangements are by FitzHenry's Funeral Home, Carson City.

Kenneth Harrold

BLUFFTON — Kenneth M. Harrold, 83, died Tuesday, July 9, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Harrold was a farmer and, before retiring in 1981, worked at Franklin Electric. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was born in Wells County, lived in Bluffton, then moved to Warren.

Surviving are a son, Linus K. Harrold of Bluffton; a daughter, Janis L. Deam of LaGrange; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Dee Harrold of Bluffton; and two sisters, Ethel Couch and Thelma Brown, both of Warren.

Preceding him in death is his wife, Blenda L. Harrold, who died in 2000.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton. Burial will be in Stahl Cemetery.

Calling one hour before services at the church and 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church Youth

ALBION NEW ERA July 10, 2002

Bonnie Jean Kline

ALBION–Bonnie Jean Kline, 69, died on July 5, 2002 at 12:10 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on June 2, 1933 in Albion to Carl E. and Eva (Coe) Ravenscroft. She was a lifetime resident of Albion and retired from Essex Wire in Ligonier. She was a member of the Albion Wesleyan Church. She was a local artist who enjoyed painting and gardening.

On September 3, 1982 she married David Kline. He preceded her in death on May 5, 1995.

Surviving are one stepdaughter, Mrs. Victor (Linda) Trowbridge of Columbia City; one stepson, Dennis (Kay) Kline of Canton, Ohio; five grandchildren, Kari Horner, Karla Barnhart, Alicia Baird, Kyle Kline and Kurt Kline; one great-grandchild, Autumn Horner; one sister, June M. Jacob of Albion; two nieces, Diana King and Carol Huff both of Albion; one nephew, Phillip Jacob of Albion; two great nieces and five great nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, David Kline and one brother, Robert Ravenscroft of Albion.

Services were held on Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at the Albion Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Eric Ball officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Preferred memorials are to the Albion Wesleyan Church.

Charlotte McDuffee, 57

AIKEN, S. C. – Charlotte Lee McDuffee, 57, died Saturday, June 29, 2002, at Aiken Regional Medical Centers.

She graduated from Huntertown High School and Purdue University, was a ten year Noble County 4-H member and in 1966 went to the British Isles as an Indiana Farm Youth Exchange Student.

Ms. McDuffee was a home economics teacher at New Ellenton Middle School, Lucy C. Laney High School and George P. Butler Comprehensive High School. She was a loving mother.

Surviving are her parents, Lee and Laura Jane Bers McDuffee of LaOtto; a daughter, Jennifer Leigh Gordon of Mt. Pleasant and her fiance, Karl Baker; two sisters, Clara Ann Yarian of Aiken and Carolyn Pequignot of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at Shellhouse Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 224 Barnwell Ave, NW, Aiken, South Carolina 29205.

Shellhouse Funeral Home, 924 Hayne Ave., Aiken, South Carolina.

Beulah E. Zolman, 93

COLUMBIA CITY – Beulah E. Zolman, 93 a resident of Columbia City, died at 4:50 a.m. Sunday, July 7 in The Oaks where she had been a patient since June 20, 1997.

She was born on December 27, 1908 in Smith Township, Whitley County, a daughter of Homer and Lily Fleck Shaffer.

Beulah Zolmaan

Her formative years were spent in Smith Township and a brief period in Kendallville.

On November 6, 1927, she was united in marriage to Clyde D. Zolman and they spent most of their married life on a farm in Smith Township. In July of 1991, they purchased a home in Columbia City where they resided until she entered the home. Mr. Zolman preceded her in death on September 14, 1993.

In addition to being a homemaker, she sold Avon Products for twenty-one years and also drove a school bus for a brief period.

She was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

The surviving relatives include two daughters, Barbara Lou (Donald) Bonar and DeLara (Larry) Miller both of Columbia City; three sons, Dean E. (Sharon) Zolman, Churubusco, Nick L. (Elaine) Zolman, Columbia City, Rev. Terry L. (Julie) Zolman, Albion; fifteen grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Olin Shaffer.

The funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Merriam Christian Chapel Church, Merriam, with the Rev. Rex Bonar, grandson of Mrs. Zolman and the Rev. Terry L. Zolman, son officiating. The burial was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Christian Chapel Church or the Gideons.

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Dr. Thomas A. McDonald, 52

CARSON CITY–A Memorial Service for Dr. Thomas A. McDonald, 52, a Carson City, resident for the past year, will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2002, 6:00 PM, Tuesday, at FitzHenry's Chapel of Faith with Rosary following at 5:30 PM.

McDonald died June 4, 2002, in Carson City. He was born July 29, 1949, in Elkhart, IN, to Lyell J. and Pauline R. WineBrenner McDonald.

He graduated from high school as a salutatorian. He graduated from Purdue University and received his doctorate degree from the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Before moving to Carson City, he lived in Albion. He worked for Argonne Laboratories in Argonne, IL and was an international expert on nuclear plant safety. He survived being hit by a drunk driver in 1984 and was cared for by his mother for the past 18 years. He was Catholic.

Among his survivors are his mother, Pauline R. Billman of Carson City; brothers, James G. of Arlington, Virg.; and David of Reno; sisters, Janice Logan of Orland, IN; and Karen Boman of Carson City and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Cremation will be at FitzHenry's Crematory FitzHenry's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

John Michael Brown, 56

COLUMBIA CITY – John Michael Brown, 56, a former resident of Big Lake, died at 8:05 a.m., Wednesday, July 3, 2002 at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City where he had been a resident for over nine years.

He was born March 6, 1946 in Vigo County, Indiana. As a young boy, his family moved to Fort Wayne where he was educated at St. Jude's Catholic School. His family later moved to New Haven and he graduated from New Haven High School.

He was employed as a truck driver, drywaller and, was employed at Coca Cola in Fort Wayne and Whitley County Memorial Hospital maintenance department.

John Michael Brown

During the Vietnam Conflict, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving as a flight engineer on AC 47 gun ships.

He was a member of the V. F. W.

He is survived by his mother, Betty L. Thomas Kamp of Big Lake; two brothers, Patrick (Peggy) Kamp and Steven (Debbie) Kamp, both of Big Lake; three nieces, Stephanie Kamp, Patricia Kamp and Crystal Kamp; a nephew, Christopher Kamp; and his grandmother, Ellen Kamp, a resident of St. Anne's Home in Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard C. Kamp.

The funeral service was held at 1:30 p.m., Friday, July 5, 2002 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Father Dale Bauman officiating. The burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne with full Military Honors.

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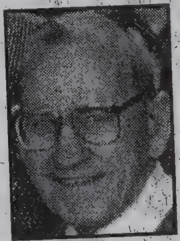
Robert Deck

CHURUBUSCO — Robert L. Deck, 77, died Thursday, July 11, 2002, at Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Deck worked at International Harvester as a truck builder from 1960 to his retirement in 1983. He served in the U.S. Army and Air Force from 1942 to 1945. He was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, American Legion Post 157 of Churubusco and VFW Post 3846 of Churubusco. He was "Busco Bob" on the citizens' band radio and enjoyed hunting and fishing.


Mr. Deck

He was born Oct. 13, 1924, in Churubusco to George G. and Elmira M. (Rollins) Deck. He married Mary G. Roche Sept. 14, 1947 in Ege. She survives in Churubusco.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Jerry Young of Churubusco, Roberta and Michael Repine of Fort Wayne and Laura and Robert Hursey of Collins; two sons, Michael L. Deck and his fiancée, Tammy Mansfield, both of Fort Wayne; and Bruce B. Deck of Churubusco; a brother, Ralph Deck of Wolf Lake; two sisters, Joan Ott of Merriam and Joyce Tompkins of Fort Pierce, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are a brother, Warren Deck, and a sister, Marciel Foote.

Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Byron Health Center. Father Daniel Leeuw will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco, with rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Byron Health Center.

Alvin Brown

AUBURN — Alvin O. Brown, 64, died Thursday, July 11, 2002, at 2 a.m. in St. Vincent Hospital at Indianapolis.

Mr. Brown worked in maintenance for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1996. He worked part-time the past four years at J Box Co. in Auburn.

A member and past president of the Bass Masters Club in Auburn, he was a member of the Bass Federation.

He was born April 30, 1938, in DeKalb County to Almon Oren Brown and Jessie Mae (Kester) Brown.

He married Sandra Jean Farmer on May 11, 1957, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Danny L. Brown and Kristopher B. Brown, both of Auburn; two daughters, Stephanie Rowe of Garrett and Ellen Brown of Avilla; four brothers, Jackie Brown of Ashley, and Robert, Joseph and Jerry Brown, all of Butler; seven sisters, Betty Lou Sutton of Michigan, Mary Ann McNamara of Ohio, Pat Patrick of Waterloo, Cindy Rowe of Auburn, Cathy Ferrell of Texas, and Joyce Brown and Joan Brown, both of Auburn; five grandchildren, Brandy, Clinton and Beau Rowe, Misty Lautzenhiser and Netasha Chastain; and 10 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Dickie Brown, and one sister, Suzanne Brown, preceded him in death.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the Bass Masters Club.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Bertha Albins

KENDALLVILLE — Bertha E. Albins, 95, died Thursday, July 11, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Dennis Kinsey

WARSAW — Dennis Max Kinsey, 48, died Saturday, July 6, 2002, in Kosciusko Community Hospital.

Mr. Kinsey worked at Dalton Foundries in Warsaw for 28 years as a casting sorter in the cleaning department. He delivered the Times-Union newspaper for five years and was an avid fan of Warsaw Tigers basketball. He was a member of the Dalton 25-Year Club, attended Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church and was a charter member of Lakeview Heights Conservative Grace Brethren Fellowship, LaGrange.

He was born May 22, 1954, to Max LaMont and Dona Jean Wiggs Kinsey in Warsaw. His mother survives. He graduated from Warsaw Community High School in 1972 and received an associate's degree in accounting from Indiana University in 1974. He married W. Gail Barber in 1977. He then married Jeanine Kay Hirschy-Hicks in 1994. Both survive.

Also surviving are four daughters, Alexandra Kathryn Hirschy-Kinsey, Ashley Leona Hirschy-Kinsey, Nicole Marie Hirschy-Kinsey and Misty Rose Kinsey, all of Warsaw; a son, Justin Lloyd Kinsey of Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Susie and Craig Langohr of Columbia City and Pam Tackitt of South Whitley; a brother, Don Kinsey of Warsaw; six nieces; two nephews; two great-nieces; and a great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother-in-law.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church. Pastor Galen Wiley will officiate.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Dennis Max Kinsey Memorial Fund care of Lake City Bank, Warsaw.

Funeral arrangements are by McHatton Sadler Funeral Home in Warsaw.

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Richard Lawrence

FORT WAYNE — Richard O. Lawrence, 81, died Wednesday, July 10, 2002, at home.

Before retiring in 1985, Mr. Lawrence was a clerk, mechanic and supervisor of procurement with the U.S. Postal Service for 18 and 1/2 years. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as a B-17 engineer top turret gunner. He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

He was born in Fort Wayne.

Survivors are his wife, Iris H. (McCoy) Lawrence of Fort Wayne; five daughters, Carole Hoffman, Anne Tinkel, Linda Summers, Sue Burns and Beth Clendenen, all of Fort Wayne; a son, David Lawrence of Adams Lake, LaGrange County; a sister, Betty Meikle of Avon, Colo.; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are noon Saturday at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with prayers at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery with military graveside honors.

Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with vigil at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Adams Lake Conservation Club.

Duane Davis

WOLCOTTVILLE — Duane W. Davis, 66, died Friday, July 12, 2002, at home.

The 1954 graduate of South Side High School, Fort Wayne, moved to Wolcottville from Fort Wayne in 1970. He was a meat cutter in Fort Wayne and Flint, Mich. He was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City; Kendallville Eagles Lodge; and American Legion Post 381, Rome City, where he had currently been serving as post commander for two years and had been service officer for three years.

Mr. Davis

He was born Oct. 9, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Dayne L. Davis Sr. and Helen (Price) Davis. On Aug. 11, 1973, he married Margaret D. Acker, who survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a son, Christopher Davis of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Katherine of Minnesota, Lisa and Amy of Fort Wayne and Dawn of Florida; three stepsons, Gary Acker and his wife, Marilyn, and Warren Acker, all of Rome City, and Mark Acker and his wife, Terri, of LaGrange; a stepdaughter and her husband, Brenda and Doug Pettit of Middlebury; 16 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Dayne L. Davis Jr. of Flint and Raymond Davis of Wall Lake, Mich.

A son, Michael Davis, and a granddaughter preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church with the Rev. Charles Mullen of the church officiating. Burial will be at St. Gaspar Cemetery.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, and 10-11 a.m. Monday at the church. A rosary will be said Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Elkhart General Community Hospice, the church or American Legion Post 381.

Bertha Albins

KENDALLVILLE — Bertha E. Albins, 95, died Thursday, July 11, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a certified public accountant in Phoenix, Ariz., and a licensed masseuse who provided massage therapy at a health ranch in Phoenix for many years. She was also a licensed Realtor. She lived in Kendallville the past four years.

She was born Oct. 10, 1906, in Chicago to Harold and Nora (Stene) Hansen.

Surviving are six nieces, Sally Moore of Kendallville, Carol Hanna of Auburn, Marilyn Blassick of Chicago, Sandra Ost of Illinois, Esther Kissinger of Fort Wayne and Karen Chambers of Cincinnati, Ohio; two nephews, Jack Holt of California and Paul Holt of Illinois; and 65 great- and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

Three sisters, Evelyn Holt, Harriett Moore and Esther Kriepke, preceded her in death.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be later at Acacia Cemetery, Chicago.

Calling is 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Jayson Steckley

WATERLOO — Jayson Alexander Steckley was stillform Wednesday, July 10, 2002, at 3:30 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital at Kendallville.

He was the son of Jack Lee Steckley and Jennyfer C. (Cross) Steckley of Waterloo.

Surviving are his grandparents, Richard and Sue Cross of Kendallville and Jack and Carol Steckley of Butler; his great-grandparents, Richard and Barbara Worman of Butler, and two great-grandmothers, Coral Steckley of Auburn and Glenys Prodrosky of Fort Wayne.

A private family service will be held Monday in the Waterloo Cemetery. The Rev. Ernie Kohlmyer, assistant pastor of the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo, will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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David Boyles

ROME CITY — David H. Boyles, 60, Rome City, died suddenly Friday, July 12, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

Mr. Boyles

Mr. Boyles was born June 28, 1942, in Fort Wayne, to George and Juanita Boyles and Juanita Clifford Masters. He lived most of his life in the Rome City area. He married Sandra Garton on Dec. 14, 1963, in Rome City, and she survives.

He worked for Hipskin Asphalt in Fort Wayne for 20 years. For the last 13 years, he was a member of I.U.O.E. Local 150 and worked for Brooks Construction as a heavy equipment operator.

He was a member of Kendallville Masonic Lodge No. 276 and a very avid bass fisherman.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Robert Boyles and Michael Todd (Heather) Boyles, both of Rome City; three brothers, Darwin Boyles of Rome City and Larry "Mike" Boyles and Wesley Boyles, both of Florida; two sisters, Marsha Kitchen of Rome City and Donna Atwater of Howe; a stepbrother, Robert Masters Jr. of Kansas; a stepsister, Debra Monthie of Des Moines, Iowa; four grandchildren, Lacy Boyles, Wyatt Boyles, Walker Boyles and Weston Boyles.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, the Rev. Nick Hoot officiating, at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. Calling hours are set for 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Preferred memorials are to Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

Thomas Hollifield

STROH — Thomas E. Hollifield, 66, died Saturday, July 13, 2002, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born in Hazard, Ky., on Oct. 14, 1935, to Thomas and Virginia (Gregory) Hollifield. He married Lucille "Susie" Amburgey on Oct. 14, 1961, and she survives. He was a foundry worker and worked at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, retiring in 1991. He belonged to Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh.

Mr. Hollifield

Funeral services are scheduled for Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Mt. Calvary United Baptists Church, the Revs. Willie Collins, Bethel Bolen and Jerry Collins officiating. Visitation will be held after 5 p.m. today at the church, and will continue until funeral services on Tuesday. Additional services will be held at 7 p.m. on both Sunday and Monday evenings. Burial will be at the Woodruff Cemetery. Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, is handling the arrangements.

Along with his wife, Susie, he is survived by five daughters, Karen (Tim) Bentley of Wolcottville, Vickie Hollifield of Stroh, Lisa Hollifield of Fort Wayne, Mary Shepherd of Wolcottville and Tonya (Ron) Miller of Constantine, Mich.; three brothers, Jim Hollifield of Stroh, Paul Hollifield of London, Ky. and Dean Hollifield of Hardburley, Ky.; three sisters, Chlo Johnston of London, Phyllis Rowlison of Stroh, and Linda Arnett of Hardburley; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Francis A. Lesiak

Francis A. Lesiak, 92, Hudson, died Friday, July 12, 2002, at home.

Mr. Lesiak was born March 5, 1910, in Fullerton, Neb., to Victoria (Knopkie) and Mike Lesiak. He married Hazel Wilson in North Platte, Neb., in 1935. She preceded him in death in 1978.

He was a conductor on the Union Pacific Railroad for 33 years.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, North Platte. He was active in the North Platte Eagles and the Senior Center of North Platte.

He is survived by a son, Michael (Nancey) Lesiak of Hudson; a brother, Charles Lesiak of Fullerton, Neb.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was proceded in death by a brother, Leonard Lesiak, and four sisters, Sister Collet Lesiak, Sister Michaline Lesiak, Minnie Wozniak and Rose Shotkskie.

Services are scheduled for Tuesday in North Platte. Arrangements there are by Adams and Swanson Funeral Home. Local arrangments were handled by Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Hudson.

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The following obituary is being rerun to provide additional information.

David Boyles

ROME CITY — David H. Boyles, 60, died Friday, July 12, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

Mr. Boyles

Mr. Boyles worked for Brooks Construction as a heavy equipment operator for the last 13 years. Prior to that, he worked for Hipskin Asphalt in Fort Wayne for 20 years. He was a member of Kendallville Masonic Lodge 276 and the International Brotherhood of Operating Engineers Local 150, and was an avid bass fisherman.

He was born June 28, 1942, to George Boyles and Juanita (Clifford) Masters in Fort Wayne. His mother survives in LaGrange. He lived most of his life in the Rome City area, graduating from Rome City High School in 1961. He married Sandra Garton Dec. 14, 1963, in Rome City. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Boyles, Michael Todd and Heather Boyles, all of Rome City; four grandchildren, Lacy, Wyatt, Walker and Weston Boyles; three brothers, Darwin Boyles of Rome City and Larry "Mike" Boyles and Wesley Boyles of Florida; two sisters, Marsha Kitchen of Rome City and Donna Atwater of Howe; a stepbrother, Robert Masters Jr. of Kansas; and a stepsister, Debra Monthie of Des Moines, Iowa.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. The Rev. Nick Hoot will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday with Masonic services at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

Cora Klinkenberg

KENDALLVILLE — Cora Viola Klinkenberg, 90, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Klinkenberg was co-owner of Klinkenberg's Store on Main Street in Kendallville for many years. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, its Ladies Aid and the Sigma Beta Sorority.

She was born Aug. 22, 1911, to John and Rose (Gehring) Koon in Kendallville. She married Robert C. Klinkenberg Aug. 7, 1938, in Kendallville. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Nancy Klinkenberg of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Mike Klinkenberg of Dallas, Shannon Klinkenberg of California and Robert Klinkenberg and Sherri Jankowski Hillyer, both of Fort Wayne; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ota Berkes and Retha Koon, both of Kendallville; and a brother, Harvey Koon of Oklahoma City, Okla.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Klinkenberg; two brothers, Cecil and Archie Koon; and two sisters, Rilla Barnett and Ilene Swihart.

Services are 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. The Rev. Paul Greibel will officiate. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Mary Cowell

FREMONT — Mary Jane Cowell, 59, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, in Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

She was formerly an employee at Letica Corp of Indiana and was a housekeeper at Lake George Motor Inn. She lived in Fremont and enjoyed NASCAR racing, gardening, fishing, crafts and her grandchildren.

She was born Feb. 5, 1943, in Angola to Ray and Mary Elizabeth (Loomis) Henderson.

Surviving are seven daughters, Diana Worthington and Tammy Fairchild, both of Angola, Debbie Tone of Riverside, Calif., Barbara Shaw of Fremont, Deanna Jackson of Kendallville, and Frances Gibson and Arlinda Gibson, both of Metz; three sons, Terry Shaw and John M. Shaw, both of Fremont, and Mark Cowell of Angola.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, two daughters, one son, one grandson and her parents.

No services will be held.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. in the Tri-State Church of Christ, 3505 E. Metz Road, Angola.

Memorials are to the family.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

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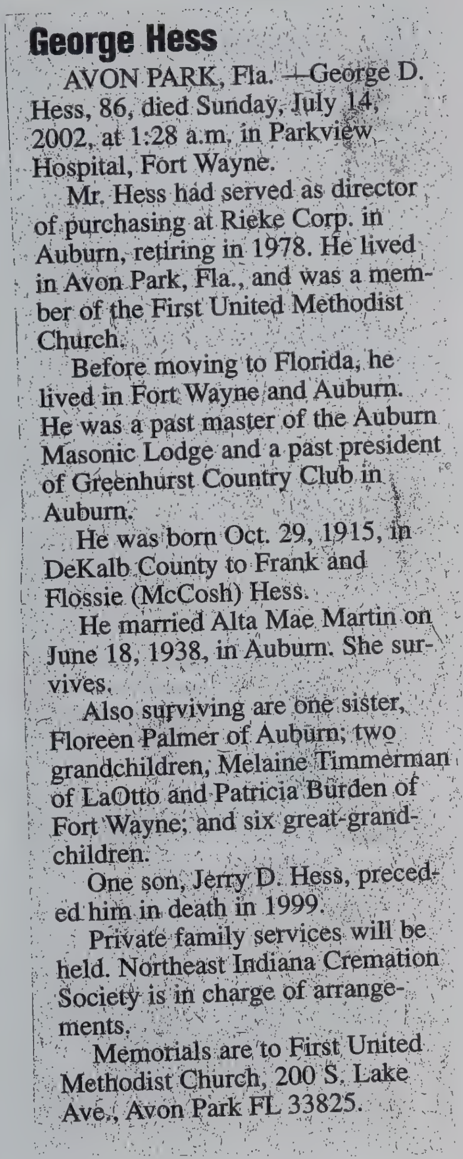

George Hess

AVON PARK, Fla. — George D. Hess, 86, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, at 1:28 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hess had served as director of purchasing at Rieke Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1978. He lived in Avon Park, Fla., and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Before moving to Florida, he lived in Fort Wayne and Auburn. He was a past master of the Auburn Masonic Lodge and a past president of Greenhurst Country Club in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 29, 1915, in DeKalb County to Frank and Flossie (McCosh) Hess.

He married Alta Mae Martin on June 18, 1938, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one sister, Floreen Palmer of Auburn; two grandchildren, Melaine Timmerman of LaOtto and Patricia Burden of Fort Wayne; and six great-grandchildren.

One son, Jerry D. Hess, preceded him in death in 1999.

Private family services will be held. Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church, 200 S. Lake Ave., Avon Park FL 33825.

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Florence Frick

ROME CITY — Florence E. Frick, 79, died Monday, July 15, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Frick was a homemaker and a member of Weston Street Bible Church, Rome City.

Mrs. Frick

She was born Nov. 9, 1922, to Charles H. M. and Mabelle (Clair) Staples in Kidder County, N.D. She came to Indiana in 1941 from Jewell, Iowa, and married Isaac Broom May 5, 1942. He preceded her in death May 6, 1960. She married Donald Frick Nov. 5, 1960 in Rome City. He survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a son, Kenneth Broom of Howe; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Beverly and Paul Nicholas of Centreville, Mich., Florence and David VanDeKeere of Topeka and Jeraldine and Gavino Olvera, Carol and Eldon Leitch and Kelly Broom, all of Rome City; a stepdaughter and her husband, Shirley and Bob Wonders of Howe; 33 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Clarice Broom of Huntington, Donna Mae and Glenn Janssen of Jewell, Emma and Guy Kerns of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Mabelle and Wayne Romp of Stanhope, Iowa; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Frances Staples, Russel and Donna Staples and Richard and Doris Staples, all of Jewell, and Kenneth and Ivadel Staples of Williams, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Janice Broom, and two brothers, Lester and George Staples.

Services are 1 p.m. Friday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. The Rev. Dan Lash of Weston Street Bible Church will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Philip Carpenter

AUBURN — Philip Paul Carpenter, 56, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, at 1:27 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Carpenter worked at Auburn Gear for 38 years, serving as a lab technician for the past 15 years.

Mr. Carpenter

He loved drag racing, earning many trophies and awards in competitions over the past 38 years at Avilla and other race tracks. He was an avid Ford fan and had just finished restoring a 1934 Ford five-window coupe.

He was born March 8, 1946, in Auburn to John Wayne and Mary Francis (Greer) Carpenter. They preceded him in death.

He married Marilyn J. Haiflich on Oct. 18, 1964, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Michelle Carpenter of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Shellie and James Bellinger of Avilla; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Lawrence and Kathy Carpenter of Ashley, and Gary "Gig" Carpenter of Ashley; and four grandchildren, Dill and Brenna Carpenter, and Riley and Cameron Bellinger.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor John Erwin will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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She was preceded in death by three husbands, two daughters, one son, one grandson and her parents.

No services will be held.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. in the Tri-State Church of Christ, 3505 E. Metz Road, Angola.

Memorials are to the family.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

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Robert Haney

WOLF LAKE — Robert J. "Pete" Haney, 79, died Monday, July 15, 2002, at Goshen General Hospital.

Before retiring in 1984, Mr. Haney worked at WeatherHead in Columbia City and had been an independent truck driver. He was the first fire chief of the Wolf Lake Fire Department and a volunteer firefighter for 20 years. He was a member of Albion Eagles Lodge. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed fishing and watching Indiana Pacers basketball.

He was born Sept. 12, 1922, to Bruce and Eva (Seymore) Haney in Albion. He was a lifetime area resident. He married Mary Madden April 20, 1944, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. She preceded him in death Dec. 16, 1991.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Dee Haney of Rolling Prairie; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Fred Colen of Wolf Lake; eight grandchildren, Sherry Wantola, John Gill, Jason and Jeremy Haney, Inger, Freya and Gretchen Berntson and Kim Coffman; two great-grandchildren, Zach and Katelyn Knafel; and two sisters, Alice Shisler of Kimmell and Ruth Strater of Albion.

Services are 1 p.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Ray McAlaster of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Merry Lea Ecology Club or Noble Township Fire Department.

Catherine Fortman

AVILLA — Catherine M. Fortman, 93, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, in Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Mrs. Fortman was a seamstress with L.S. Ayres for 20 years. She was born in Philothea, Ohio.

Surviving are a daughter, Marilyn Peters of Kendallville; two sons, Thomas J. Fortman of Larwill and Robert J. Fortman of Kennewick, Wash.; three brothers, Leo Osterholt of Coldwater, Mich., Edward Osterholt of Philothea and Herman Osterholt of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is a half-hour before services at the church and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Memorials to the church.

Bessie Franklin

LAGRANGE — Bessie I. Franklin, 75, died Monday, July 15, 2002, in LaGrange Community Hospital.

She worked as a machinist and was a member of Kendallville Eagles and LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351.

She was born Aug. 13, 1926, to Herbert J. and Beulah F. (Bickel) Coney in LaGrange County. She moved to LaGrange in 1993 after living in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Katherine L. Dickinson of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Mary Ann Houser of Kendallville; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Betty McNall of Howe and Barbara Ritter of Sellersburg.

Preceding her in death are a daughter, Donna Jean Houser, who died in 1946; two sisters; and three brothers.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. The Rev. Carldean Merrifield will officiate. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is three hours before services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Pauline Campbell

ALBION — G. Pauline Campbell, 84, died Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville nursing home.

Miss Campbell worked for Essex Wire in Topeka for 35 years. She loved hummingbirds, bingo, fishing and children.

She was born April 15, 1918, to Richard and Hazel (Winebrenner) Campbell in Albion, where she was a lifetime resident. She raised two nephews, Mike and Don Campbell, and a niece, Jan Gordon. All survive in Albion.

Also surviving are several other nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are two brothers, Charles and Robert Campbell.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Pastor Eric Ball will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Albion Fire Department.

Patti Neukom

FORT WAYNE — Patti L. Neukom, 60, died Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mrs. Neukom was a bus driver with Fort Wayne Community Schools for eight years and a former instructor at Masters Cosmetology School. She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, Scott A. Neukom of LaGrange, and a step-granddaughter, Ashley White of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Neukom.

There are no services or calling.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Ronald Passmore Jr.

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ronald Charles Passmore Jr., 33, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, near Ottawa, Ill.

Mr. Passmore worked as a tandem jump and static line instructor with Skydive Chicago near Ottawa. He was born in Chicago.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Margaret "Peg" and Russell Nickloy of Hicksville; five daughters, Leah Thompson and Tiffany, Amanda, Tessa and Peggy Passmore, all of Butler; two brothers, Edward Passmore of Chicago and Joseph Nickloy of West Unity, Ohio; and two sisters, Joan Heminger of Pioneer, Ohio, and Rebecca Vanderhorst of Farwell, Mich.

Services are 9:30 a.m. northeast Indiana time Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling is 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. northeast Indiana time Thursday at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

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Robert J. 'Pete' Haney, 79

WOLF LAKE–Robert J. 'Pete' Haney, 79, died on July 15, 2002 at 4:25 AM at Goshen General Hospital where he had been a patient since Thursday, July 11, 2002.

He was born September, 12, 1922 in Albion to Bruce and Eva (Seymore) Haney. He has been a lifetime resident of the area.

On April 20, 1944 in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion he married Mary Madden. She preceded him in death on December 16, 1991.

He was employed as an independent truck driver and later worded and retired in 1984 from WeatherHead in Columbia City.

He was a member of Albion Eagles Lodge. He was the first fire chief of Wolf Lake Fire Department and was a volunteer fire fighter for 20 years. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed fishing and watching Indiana Pacer basketball.

Survivors include: one son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Dee Hancy of Rolling Prairie; one daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Fred Colen of Wolf Lake; eight grandchildren, Sherry Wantola, John Gill, Jason and Jeremy Haney, Inger, Freya and Gretchen Berntson, Kim Coffman; two great-grandchildren, Zach and Katelyn Knafel; two sisters, Alice Shisler of Kimmell and Ruth Strater of Albion.

Services will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Rev. Ray McAlaster of the Wolf Lake Methodist Church officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to Merry Lea Ecology Club or Noble Township Fire Department.

Donald K. Schwab, 76

EU CLAIRE, MI–Donald K. Schwab, age 76, of Eau Claire, MI passed away at his residence on July 14, 2002.

Memorial Services will be Saturday, July 20, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the McLauchlin-Clark Funeral Home in Dowagiac, MI. The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

He was born May 23, 1926 in Kendallville, IN to Fred Schwab and Evelyn (King) Rimmel. He married Patsy Luckey on August 14, 1948 in Tri-Lakes, IN. He graduated with a Bachelor of Business Degree from Indiana University and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He was also a member of the Albion Masonic Lodge #97. He was an Eagle Scout and Boy Scout Leader. He retired, as a senior buyer, in 1985 from Sears and Roebuck after 35 years of dedicated service. He was a veteran of W. W. II serving in the Air force. He enjoyed fishing and Indiana University Basketball.

He was preceded in death by his wife on June 29, 1998, and his father.

He is survived by three daughters; Elaine (David) Conner of Crestwood, IL, Sharon (George) Riecke of Dowagiac and Joan (Gary) Witchen of Berrien Center, 6 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, his mother and a brother-in-law, Dr. James E. Luckey of Fort Wayne.

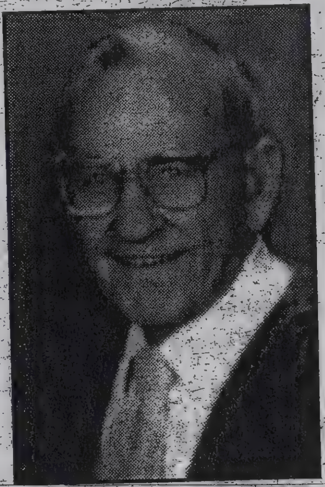
Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana University Athletic Department-Basketball Program.

Robert L. Deck, 77

CHURUBUSCO–Robert L. Deck, 77, died Thursday, July 11, 2002 at Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Deck worked at International Harvester as a truck builder from 1960 to his retirement in 1983. He served in the U. S. Army and Air Force from 1942 to 1945. He was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, American Legion Post 157 of Churubusco and VFW Post 3846 of Churubusco. He was "Busco Bob" on the citizens' band radio and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born Oct. 13, 1924, in Churubusco to George G. and Elmira M. (Rollins) Deck. He married Mary G. Roche Sept. 14, 1947 in Ege. She survives in Churubusco.



Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Jerry Young of Churubusco, Roberta and Michael Repine of Fort Wayne and Laura and Robert Hursey of Collins; two sons, Michael L. Deck and his fiancee, Tammy Mansfield, both of Fort Wayne and Bruce B. Deck of Churubusco; a brother, Ralph Deck of Wolf Lake; two sisters, Joan Ott of Merriam and Joyce Tompkins of Fort Pierce, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are a brother, Warren Deck, and sister Marciel Foote.

Services were held on Monday, July 15, 2002 at Byron Health Center with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial was in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Memorials are to Byron Health Center.

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Pauline G. Campbell, 84

ALBION – Pauline G. Campbell, 84, died on July 16, 2002 at 5:30 AM in Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

She was born on April 15, 1918 in Albion to Richard and Hazel (Winebrenner) Campbell.

She worked for Essex Wire in Topeka for 35 years. She was a lifetime resident of the community. She loved hummingbirds, bingo, fishing and children. Ms. Campbell never married. She raised her two nephews, Mike and Don Campbell and one niece Jan Gordon all of Albion. Several nieces and nephews survive.

Two brothers Charles and Robert Campbell both preceded her in death.

Services will be held on Friday, July 19, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Pastor Eric Ball officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 18, 2002 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Preferred memorials are to Albion Fire Department.

Robert "Bob" Paul Adams, 73

COLUMBIA CITY – Robert "Bob" Adams, 73, a resident of Tri Lakes, died at 10:15 p.m. Friday, July 12, 2002 in The Oaks, Columbia City, after an extended illness.

He was born in Anderson, Indiana on July 20, 1928, a son of Carl E. and Josephine E. Grimes Adams. He graduated from the Muncie Central High School with the Class of 1947 and received BA and MA degrees from Ball State Teachers College in Music Education.

After a career of teaching instrumental and vocal music in elementary and secondary schools in Ohio, Urbana, IN, Monroe Central at Farmland, IN, Gaston, IN, he retired from the Muncie Community Schools in 1990.

He was affiliated with the Tri Lakes Baptist Church, enjoyed an active music ministry in several churches throughout the years in both performance and directing. Mr. Adams, played trumpet in the local Musician's Union Band and served in the Indiana National Guard Band for several years. He had been an active member of the Muncie Kiwanis and The Gideons in Muncie and Columbia City.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams wintered in Daytona Beach, Florida for several years and traveled extensively prior to his illness.

The surviving relatives include his wife of 51 years, Mary Ellen Starkey Adams; three daughters, Lynn Ellen Adams, Columbia City, Gail Susan Adams, Daytona Beach, Florida, Nancy Jo Jody (Bruce) Sherwood, Summerville, SC; a son, Robert D. J. (Sharon) Adams, Pendleton, IN; six grandsons, Jason Adams, James Sherwood, Nicholas Adams, Benjamin Sherwood, Brad Adams and Joshua Sherwood; a great grandson, Clay McCoy Adams; a sister, Mary Jo Adams Holt, Niles, Michigan and a nephew, Michael Holt.

The funeral service was held on Monday, July 15, 2002 in the Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Bob Siebrist, of Tri Lakes Baptist Church, officiating. The burial was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Gideons or the donor's favorite charity.

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Florence Reeves

KENDALLVILLE — Florence M. Reeves, 78, of Kendallville, died at 3:05 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2002, in Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Mrs. Reeves

Mrs. Reeves had resided at the Shepherd of the Hill since September 2001, having moved from East Harding Street, Kendallville, where she had lived since 1962. She was a bookkeeper at the Kendallville Furniture Store for 20 years, an avid bowler and a member of the Bowling Hall of Fame.

She was born Dec. 26, 1923, in Howe to Earl and Bessie (Ransbottom) Overholser. In Kendallville June 8, 1947, she married Norman F. Reeves, who survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Chela Reeves of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Barry LaBov of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Lois Alexander of Kendallville, and Helen McDorman of Irving, Texas; a brother, Monroe Overholser of Ashley; and six grandchildren, Nicholas, Krystal, Eric and Alex Reeves and Laura and Alan LaBov.

A sister, Ruth Bodenhafer, preceded her in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Chaplain Roger Olson, Shepherd of the Hill minister, will officiate. Burial is in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shepherd of the Hill.

Amanda Mast

MILLERSBURG — Amanda L. Mast, 80, of rural Millersburg died at 8:29 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen. She had been in declining health.

Mrs. Mast was a homemaker, quilt maker and a member of Griner Mennonite Church, Middlebury.

She was born Jan. 21, 1922, in LaGrange County to Dan A. and Lydia (Stutzman) Yoder. She married Amos L. Mast Jan. 26, 1943, in LaGrange County. He preceded her in death Oct. 6, 1998.

A brother, Joe Yoder, and a sister, Anna Mae Bontrager, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karon and Vernon Graber of Goshen; five sons and four daughters-in-law , Mervin R. and Joan Mast of Topeka, Larry E. and Esther Mast of Mendon, Mich., Maynard L. and Nancy Mast of Ligonier, Marlin W. and Shirley Mast and Merl J. Mast, all of Goshen; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Katie and Henry Mullet of Nappanee, Wilma and Levi Yoder, and Orpha and Mel Hershberger, all of Gambler, Ohio, Martha and Sam Hostetler of Sarasota, Fla., and Verna Glick of Topeka; 18 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Griner Mennonite Church, Middlebury. The Revs. Marley Troyer and Robert Riegsecker, both of the church, will officiate. Burial is in Griner Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church, Goshen.

Memorials are to the Little Samaritan Mission or Griner Mennonite Church.

Leona Huston

ANGOLA — Leona Wilma Huston, 93, of 500 N. Williams St., Angola, died Tuesday, July 16, 2002, in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

She was a homemaker who lived most of her life in LaGrange and Steuben counties and wintered in Zephyrhills, Fla. Mrs. Huston was a member of the Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of the Eastern Star and a 50-year member.

She was born Aug. 24, 1908, in LaGrange County to Willis B. and Bertha (McKenzie) Haskins. She married Clinton C. Huston in LaGrange County April 4, 1931. He preceded her in death Jan. 11, 1984.

A sister, Gladys Haskins, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a cousin and his wife, John and Sarah Knight of Orland.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. The Rev. Carldean Merrifield will officiate. Burial is in English Prairie Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Eastern Star Services are 11:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Bonnie Balser

CHURUBUSCO — Bonnie M. Balser, 59, of rural Churubusco died at 4:32 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2002, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been involved in a three-vehicle accident on U.S. 33 south of Churubusco a short time earlier.

Her husband Stephen B. Balser is among surviving relatives.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Madeline Todd

ALBION — Madeline N. Todd, 94, of Albion, died at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

She was born July 12, 1908, in Noble County to Todd and Zelma (Brown) Weeks. She married Gerald J. Todd in Noble County July 12, 1927. He preceded her in death Aug. 10, 1979.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Janice Pearsall, on July 10, 1993; and a sister, Evelyn Dressler.

Surviving are a son, Buddy D. Todd of Albion; a sister, Mary Barcus of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Charles, Steven, Kevin and Jeffery Todd, Diane Lawson, Kimberly Ross, Cindy Wilson and David Pearsall; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion. Burial is in Merriam Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Beatrice Platt, former Albion town clerk, dies at 91

ALBION — Beatrice Platt, 91, of Albion died at 6 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2002, in Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville.

Mrs. Platt was Albion town clerk for two terms and worked in the Noble County Auditor's and Treasurer's offices. She was a lifetime Noble County resident and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

She was born Jan. 25, 1911, in Kimmell to Harrison F. and Ruby (Fry) Cobb. She married Dick Platt March 5, 1927, in Mishawaka. He preceded her in death Dec. 2, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Janith (Aller) Mello of Golden Valley, Colo.; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. The Rev. Dan Barker will officiate. Burial is in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is 11:30 a.m. Monday until the services at the funeral home.

Bonnie Balser

CHURUBUSCO — Bonnie M. Balser, 59, died Wednesday, July 17, 2002, in the emergency room of Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a vehicular accident on U.S. 33.

Before retiring in 1998, Mrs. Balser was a 25-year employee in the licensing department of the Lincoln Life Insurance Co., Fort Wayne. She was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco, and was active on the funeral dinner committee and with the church's food bank. She spent her formative years in Fort Wayne and graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1961. She enjoyed gardening, oil painting and fishing.

Mrs. Balser

She was born June 3, 1943, to William C. and Rosemarie (Majors) Wright in Fort Wayne. They survive in Churubusco. She married Stephen B. Balser March 31, 1962, in Fort Wayne. They moved to Eel River Township 27 years ago. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Christine and Dave Kindlesparger of Fort Wayne, and Cindy and Doug Thompson and Cheryl and Jeff Degler, all of Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, William "Mike" and Judy Wright of Avondale, Ariz., and Tim and Kathy Wright of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco. Father Danney Pinto will officiate. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery in Noble County.

Calling is 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the rosary at 8 p.m.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Raymond Baxter

COLUMBIA CITY — Raymond B. Baxter, 73, died Thursday, July 18, 2002, at home.

Before retiring in 2001, Mr. Baxter owned and operated Tri-State Vacuum for 40 years. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He was born in Salem.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Baxter; a son, Steven R. Baxter of South Whitley; three daughters, Julie A. Mangan of Wolf Lake, Cathy L. Bott of Phoenix and Vicky L. Carlin of South Whitley; 14 grandchildren; two sisters, Evelyn Sweany of Crothersville and Martha Wise of Radcliffe, Ky.; and four brothers, Delbert "Bud" and Roy Stewart, both of Streetsboro, Ohio, Eugene Stewart of South Whitley and Sam Baxter of Warsaw.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Monday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Grace Walker

SYRACUSE — M. Grace Walker, 100, died Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse.

Born in Baroda, Mich., Mrs. Walker was past president of United Methodist Women.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Henkler of Osceola; three sons, Howard Walker of Gallatin, Tenn., John Walker of Fort Wayne and Edgar Walker of Cromwell; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her husband, H. Ray Walker, who died in 1983; and a son, Garfield Walker, who died in 1999.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Albright United Methodist Church, Mishawaka.

Calling is one hour before services at the church and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Bubb Funeral Chapel North, Mishawaka.

Memorials are to the church.

Eric Barger

AVILLA — Eric Wayne Barger, 18, died Tuesday, July 16, 2002, from injuries sustained in an auto accident in DeKalb County.

He was born Sept. 15, 1983, in Perry County, Ky., to Stephen M. Barger and Donna Estep.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Donna and Timothy Hays of Avilla; his father and stepmother, Stephen and Norma Barger of Kendallville; four brothers, Stephen Barger II, Charles R. and Jacob L. Barger and William S. Barger II; a sister, Stacy L. Hays; his maternal grandmother, Olive Estep; his paternal grandparents, Roy and Pauline Barger; his maternal stepgrandmother, Reba Hunter Hays; his paternal stepgrandparents, Manuel and Moselle Jacobs and Charles and Lorene Barger; a niece, Michaela Barger; and many aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Hindman Funeral Service Chapel, Hindman, Ky. The Rev. Ed Baker will officiate. Burial will be in Ritchie Cemetery, Talcum, Ky.

Calling is three hours before services and after 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the chapel.

Local arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Services Held

STROH — Services for **Thomas E. Hollifield** were 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Calvary United Baptist Church, Stroh. The Revs. Willie Collins, Bethel Bolin and Jerry Collins officiated.

Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville. Pallbearers were Michael Hollifield, Charles Rowlinson, Daniel Shepherd, Ron Miller, Ray and John Amburgey and Timmy Moore. Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Cora V. Klinkenberg** were held 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. The Rev. Paul Griebel officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were Rob and Mike Klinkenberg, Chris Hillyer, Don Whipple, Joe Warwick and Jeff Stuck. Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Brooks Hamman

WATERLOO — Brooks H. Hamman, 64, died Friday, July 19, 2002, at 7:30 a.m. at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Hamman was self-employed in construction work and operated Hamman Bucket Truck Services for 20 years. He retired in 2000.

He served from 1961-67 in the U.S. Army and was a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville and Auburn Alliance Church.

He was born April 7, 1938, in DeKalb County to Howard and Dorothy (Knight) Hamman.

He married Linda Smith on Nov. 6, 1982, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Scott Shelton Hamman of Waterloo; four stepsons, Richard G. Campbell of Bloomington, David H. Campbell and Daniel J. Campbell, both of Garrett, and Joseph S. Campbell of Rome City; two daughters, Callie A. Hamman of Waterloo and Terri Lynn Shores of London, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Debra L. Terry and Cindy L. Rowe, both of Corunna; a sister, Lina M. Zerkle of Waterloo; five grandchildren, 27 stepgrandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

His parents and a brother, Brian K. Hamman, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Auburn Alliance Church. The Rev. David Schleh will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 N. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Harold Fuller

AUBURN — Harold Ernest "Hal" Fuller, 78, died Friday, July 19, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Fuller was a 50-year resident of Auburn. He retired in 1985 from his work in sales for Perfection Biscuit Co. of Fort Wayne.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the American Legion post in Garrett.

He was born Jan. 6, 1924, in Garrett.

He married Elizabeth Anne "Nancy" Fuller on June 28, 1945, in Inglewood, Calif. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sister Christina of Evanston, Ill., Michelle Fuller of San Jose, Calif., and Kathleen Gramling of Auburn; three sons, Michael Fuller of Tacoma, Wash., Thomas Fuller of Huntertown and David Fuller of Auburn; 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; and two sisters, Alma Leathers of Sun City, Ariz., and Glennagene Hartig.

A time for services is pending for Monday or Tuesday, with calling to be decided at a time on Sunday or Monday. D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Homes of Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Eckhart Public Library in Auburn, DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

Rosella Belschner

FORT WAYNE — Rosella L. Belschner, 81, died Thursday, July 18, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Belschner was a homemaker and a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Jim Eby V.F.W. Post 857.

She was born Feb. 3, 1921, to Clarence and Ruby (Winebrenner) Barrand in Fort Wayne. She married Robert G. Belschner. He preceded her in death in 1980.

Surviving are two daughters, Karen Lynn Cumings of Westerville, Ohio, and Pamela Sue Kizer of Keystone; a son, Robert F. Belschner of Wolcottville; and four grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel in Fort Wayne. Chaplain Theresa Bucher will officiate. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Allen County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or Heartland Hospice.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **David H. Boyles** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2002, in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Nick Hoot officiating.

Pallbearers were Tom and Nick Garton, Art Atwater, Joe Ackerman, Dawin and Brian Boyles, Terry Osbun, Wade Brinkman and Clayton Dilts.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, was in charge of arrangements.

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Harold Fuller Jr.

AUBURN — Harold Ernest "Hal" Fuller Jr., 78, died Friday, July 19, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Fuller was a 50-year resident of Auburn. He retired in 1985 from his career in sales for Perfection Biscuit Co. of Fort Wayne.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the American Legion post in Garrett.

He was born Jan. 6, 1924, in Garrett.

He married Elizabeth Anne "Nancy" Fuller on June 28, 1945, in Inglewood, Calif. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sister Christina of Evanston, Ill., Michelle Fuller of San Jose, Calif., and Kathleen Gramling of Auburn; three sons, Michael Fuller of Tacoma, Wash., Thomas Fuller of Huntertown and David Fuller of Auburn; 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; and two sisters, Alma Lea[redacted] and Glenn[redacted] Wayne.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn.

Calling is today from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A vigil service will take place in the funeral home tonight at 7:30.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Eckhart Public Library in Auburn, DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

Hilda Habig Sellers

FORT WAYNE — Hilda R. Habig Sellers, 98, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, July 19, 2002, at Norwood Nursing Home in Huntington.

She was born in DeKalb County. She worked at South Side High School for 18 years, retiring in 1969. She previously had worked for Wolf & Dessauer Department Store and General Electric during World War II.

A member of Redeemer Lutheran Church and Redeemer Ladies Aid, she enjoyed square dancing, traveling and entertaining.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol A. Kelsey of Roanoke; a son, Richard W. of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; a stepgranddaughter; four grandchildren; two stepgreatgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Ralph, died in 1993. Five sisters and three brothers also preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling from 1-3 p.m.

Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice or Seminary United Methodist Church, Roanoke.

Earl Dickerhoff

KENDALLVILLE — Earl E. Dickerhoff, 88, died Friday, July 19, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Dickerhoff was a sales representative for Poinsatte Motors for 13 years, a driver for ABC Coachline for 13 years and worked for Coplen Camper Sales for 10 years, retiring in 1986. He attended Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

He was born in Akron, Ind.

Surviving are his wife, Bertha of Wolcottville; a son, Donald Weaver of Bloomington; a daughter, Jacqueline Armstrong of Bolingbrook, Ill.; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Klaus Eichler

LAGRANGE — Klaus Peter Eichler, 56, died Sunday, July 21, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Among survivors is his wife, LaVon Eichler.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Susie Schmucker

GOSHEN — Susie Schmucker, 86, of rural Goshen, died at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 20, 2002, at her residence.

On Jan. 3, 1906, in Elkhart County, she was born to Mose and Mary (Hochstetler) Hershberger. On Oct. 29, 1927, in Elkhart County, she married Levi D. Schmucker. He preceded her in death on March 27, 1994.

She was a homemaker, a member of the Old Order Amish Church and lived all of her life in the Goshen area.

Surviving are a daughter, Ida Mae Schmucker of Goshen; six sons and five daughters-in-law, Freeman and Ida Schmucker, Vernon and Edna Schmucker and Lee and Viola Schmucker, all of Goshen, Ivan and Laura Schmucker of Dalton, Wis., Rudy and Mary Schmucker of Winchester, Ohio; and Lloyd Schmucker of Goshen; a sister, Fannie Miller of Goshen; a brother, Rudy Hershberger of Middlebury; 42 grandchildren; 214 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

A son, LeRoy Schmucker; three sisters, Kate Schmucker, Barb Schmucker and Lizzie Miller; four brothers, John, Simon, Eli and Reuvy Schmucker; her parents; and a grandson preceded her in death.

Services are at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family residence with Bishop LeRoy Nisley and the Revs. Perry Schlabach and Floyd Schmucker officiating. Burial is in Thomas Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling is after noon today and all day Tuesday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Aldon Cleveland

LAGRANGE — Aldon K. Cleveland, 65, of LaGrange, died at 11:40 p.m. Saturday, July 20, 2002, at his home.

On Sept. 14, 1936, in Nappanee, he was born to Raymond and Ellen Marie (Hamilton) Cleveland. He married Ida Vermillion on Oct. 25, 1975, in LaGrange.

Mr. Cleveland retired from Flint & Walling Co. in Kendallville in 1991 after 36 years of service. He was also a firefighter on the Kendallville Fire Department for 10 years.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three sons, Jeff Cleveland of Wolcottville, Greg Cleveland of LaGrange, and Aldon Keith Cleveland of Kendallville; a stepson, Charles Cornwell of Rives Junction, Mich.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Maureen Cleveland of Broken Arrow, Okla., Leland and Pauline Cleveland of Orland, and Max James and Nancy Cleveland of LaGrange; three sisters, Mrs. Harley (Rheta) Yoder of Elkhart, Arlene Bennett of LaGrange, and Mrs. Gene (Wilma) Foreman of Constantine, Mich.; two aunts, Evelyn Duncan of Sturgis, Mich.; and Rose Mary Rhodes of Goshen; five grandchildren; and eight stepgrandchildren.

Two granddaughters and his parents preceded him in death.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Roger Russell officiating. Burial is in Ontario Cemetery.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association or Kidney Foundation.

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Terry Vice

AVILLA — Terry Vice, 46, died Monday, July 22, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born to Wayne and Janet (Gadomski) Vice of Avilla Sept. 21, 1955. They survive. He married Rhea Wicker. She also survives.

Additional survivors include a brother, Tom Vice, a sister Sheri Becker, and a maternal grandmother, Marguerita Gadomski, all of Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Emerson Emrick

CHURUBUSCO — Emerson M. Emrick, 82, of Churubusco, formerly of Kendallville, died at 3:20 a.m. today, July 23, 2002, at his residence.

Among survivors is a brother-in-law, Orea "Tony" Mulholland of Kendallville.

His wife, Beverly (Mulholland) Emrick, preceded him in death March 2, 2002.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Klaus Eichler

LAGRANGE — Klaus Peter Eichler, 56, died at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, July 21, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a laborer at Schult Homes, Middlebury, and came to America in 1966 from Hagen, Germany.

He was born May 12, 1946, in Hagen to Johannes and Martha Marie (Hinzmann) Eichler. He married LaVon Marchand in LaGrange Nov. 23, 1968. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Christopher Eichler of Findlay, Ohio; a brother, Hans Dieter Eichler of Hagen; and two sisters, Christel Sibione and Monika Leshinsky, both of Hagen.

A son, Christopher David Eichler, preceded him in death in 1970.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Jeremy Helmuth officiating.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

THE NEWS-SUN WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2002

Emerson Emrick

CHURUBUSCO — Emerson M. Emrick, 82, formerly of Kendallville, died at 3:20 a.m. Tuesday, July 23, 2002, at home. He had been in declining health for some time, and critically ill for a short time before his death.

Mr. Emrick spent his formative years in the Helmer area and graduated from Salem Center High School in Steuben County in 1938. He lived in Kendallville from 1945 to 1974 before moving to Churubusco. He was the former plant manager at Bowser Inc., Fort Wayne, for 21 years, and retired in 1980 as a supervisor at Dana Corp. in Churubusco after 17 years. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Kendallville, and the Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Society.

He was born to Noah and Lulu (Dillman) Emrick Dec. 23, 1919, in Helmer. He was married in Kendallville to Beverly E. Mulholland June 12, 1945. She preceded him in death March 2, 2002.

A brother, Ora Emrick, and a sister, Elizabeth Clark, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a brother-in-law, Orea "Tony" Mulholland of Kendallville; a great-niece, Jessica Boyd of Pleasant Lake; and several cousins.

Private graveside services are Friday at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with the Rev. Stanley Kessler, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church, Kendallville, or the Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Society.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympahy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Jane Rider

ROME CITY — Mary Jane Rider, 79, died at 8:45 p.m. Monday, July 22, 2002, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

She had been a teller at Campbell & Fetter Bank and more recently was a tour guide at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site, Rome City. She was a member of Rome City United Methodist Church, Rome City.

She was born to Arthur and Edna (Grimes) Glass in Kendallville March 6, 1923.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve Rider and Kim and Terri Rider, all of Kendallville, and Matthew and Julie Rider of Angola; two sisters, Katheryn Feebles of Escondio, Calif., and Betty Welch of Kendallville; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial service are 11 a.m. Thursday at Rome City United Methodist Church, Rome City, with the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating. Burial is at a later date.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Gene Stratton-Porter Historic Site.

Condolescenes can be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

This obituary is being published again with additional information.

Madeline Todd

ALBION — Services for Madeline N. Todd, 94, were Saturday, July 20, 2002, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Terry Marker officiating.

Burial was in Merriam Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Pallbearers were Chuck, Steve and Kevin Todd, Scott Cole, David Pearsall and Gregg Gorsuch.

Mrs. Todd died at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

She was born to Todd and Zelma (Bowen) Weeks July 12, 1908, in Noble County. She married Gerald J. Todd in Noble County July 12, 1927. He preceded her in death Aug. 10, 1979.

Three sisters, Alverta Young, Welcome Van Aman and Evelyn Dressler, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Buddy D. Todd of Albion; a sister, Mary Barcus of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Charles, Steven, Kevin and Jefferey Todd, Diane Lawson, Kimberly Ross, Cindy Wilson and David Pearsall; 13 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a stepgreat-grandchild.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, was in charge of arrangements.

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Terry Vice

AVILLA — Terry N. Vice, 46, died at 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 22, 2002. He had been ill since 1999.

He was lifelong resident of the Avilla area, an employee at Wayne & Tom Vice Plastering, a member of Avilla American Legion Post 240 Sons of the American Legion, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, mushrooming and NASCAR racing.

He was born to Wayne and Janet (Pierce) Vice Sept. 21, 1955, in Kendallville. They survive in Avilla. He married Renea Wicker July 24, 1976, in Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Tom Vice; a sister, Sheri Becker, and a maternal grandmother, Marguerita Gadomski, all of Avilla.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial is in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour before services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Florence M. Reeves** were 11 a.m. Saturday, July 20, 2002, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Chaplain Roger Olson, of the Shepherd of the Hill, officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Pallbearers were Dennis, Nick, Larry and Alex Reeves, Dennis Koch and Barry LaBov.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Florence E. Frick** were held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 19, 2002, at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville with Rev. Dan Lash officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City. Pallbearers were Brian Wonders, Mike Herendeen, Paul Broom, Gavino Olvera, Ronnie Bidwell and Brooks VanDeKeere.

Honorary pallbearers were: Bobby and Randy Wonders, Kenny Broom, Keith Wooten, Gerald and Gambit Olvera, Marcus VanDeKeere and Paul and Tom Nicholas.

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Raymond B. Baxter, 73

COLUMBIA CITY—

Raymond B. Baxter, 73, a resident of Columbia Township, Whitley County died Thursday morning, July 18, 2002 at his home.

He was born January 15. 1929 in Salem. Washington County and Jackson county areas and he completed his education at Crothersville High School.

On October 26, 1951 he enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving during the Korean Conflict.

He was united in marriage to Marilyn J. Miller on December 5, 1953. They made their first home in Albuquerque, New Mexico on the SanDia Air Force Base. Following his discharge from active duty on October 25, 1955, they moved to their present home on 350 West in Columbia Township.

He owned and operated the Tri-State Vacuum for 40 years, retiring December 31, 2001.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; a son, Steven R. (Laraine) Baxter of South Whitley, three daughters, Julie A. (Tom) Mangan of Wolf Lake, Cathy L.(Richard) Bott of Phoenix, AZ and Vicky I. (Kenneth) Carlin of South Whitley; 14 grandchildren; two sisters, Evelyn Sweany of Crothersville, IN and Martha Wise of Radcliff, KY; and four brothers, Delbert "Bud" Stewart of Streetsboro, OH, Eugene Stewart of South Whitley, Roy Stewart of Streetsboro, OH and Sam Baxter of Warsaw.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Stewart.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 22, 2002 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. The Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Madeline N. Todd, 94

ALBION – Madeline N. Todd died Tuesday, July 16, 2002 at Parkview/Noble Hospital at Kendallville IN. She was born in Noble County on July 12, 1908 to Todd & Zelma (Bowen) Weeks, both deceased.

On July 12, 1927 Madeline and Gerald J. Todd were married in Noble County, Mr. Todd died August 10, 1979.

Mrs. Todd was a home maker in Noble County her entire life. She is survived by one son, Buddy D. Todd of Albion, eight grandchildren, Charles, Steven, Kevin and Jefferey Todd, Diane Lawson, Kimberly Ross, Cindy Wilson, and David Pearsall; thirteen great-grandchildren and one sister, Mary Barcus of Garrett IN. One daughter, Janice Pearsall, preceded her in death on July 10, 1993. also one sister, Evelyn Dressler preceded her in death.

The funeral service was held at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion on Saturday July 20, 2002. Burial was in Merriam Chapel Cemetery, Merriam IN.

Mrs. Todd was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Beatrice Platt, 90

ALBION – Beatrice Platt, 90, died Wednesday, July 17, 2002 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home at Kendallville IN. She was born in Kimmell IN to Harrison F. and Ruby G. (Fry) Cobbs, on January 25, 1911, both parents are deceased. Beatrice married Dick Platt on March 5, 1927 in Mishawaka IN. Mr. Platt died December 2, 1987.

Mrs. Platt lived in Noble County her entire life and worked as the Albion Town Clerk for two terms and also had worked in the Noble County Auditor & Treasurer Offices. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Surviving is one daughter, Janith (Aller) Mello of Golden Valley, Colorado; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services was at the Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, on Monday, July 22, 2002, with Rev. Dan Baker officiating, burial was in Sparta Cemetey.

THE NEWS-SUN THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2002

John Becker

KENDALLVILLE — John P. Becker, 77, formerly a longtime resident of Ligonier, died Tuesday, July 23, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for two weeks.

The lifelong Noble County resident had been a supervisor at Goshen Rubber, where he worked for 34 years. He was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church for 35 years and attended First Baptist Church, Kendallville, since moving there. He served on many church ommittees and enjoyed watching ports and being with his family.

He was born Jan. 11, 1925, in Noble County to Russell E. and Stella (Long) Becker. In June 1943 in Wawaka, he married Jane Schmuhl, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Russell and Patricia Becker of Ligonier and Daniel and Brenda Becker of Goshen; two daughters and sons-in-aw, Connie and Ray Hicks of Fort Wayne and Barbara and Jerry Miller of Sullivan; a brother, Paul Becker of Sebring, Fla.; a sister, Emma Jane Bortner of Rome City; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A brother, Virgil Becker, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Dewain Patrick of First Baptist Church, Kendallville, will officiate. Burial will be at Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heifer Project International or donor's choice.

Jonas Yoder

LAGRANGE — Jonas Yoder, 77, died Wednesday, July 24, 2002, at home in rural LaGrange.

The retired farmer lived most of his life in LaGrange County. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born June 15, 1925, in Holmes County, Ohio, to Mose C. and Malinda (Swartzentruber) Yoder. He married Ida J. Miller Feb. 19, 1948, in LaGrange County. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Perry Bontrager, Melinda and Perry Lambright, Verna Mae Yoder and Ella and Daniel Mishler, all of LaGrange, Wilma and Jacob Eichler Jr. of Aylmer, Ontario, Canada, and Rosa and Alvin Yoder of Wolcottville; two sons and daughters-in-law, LeRoy and Betty Yoder and Elmer and Kathy Yoder, all of LaGrange; a sister and brother-in-law, Verna and Manilius Miller of Dover, Del.; 47 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Andrew Yoder; two grandchildren; a sister; and three brothers.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family home at 1550W C.R. 150N, LaGrange. Bishop Jacob Troyer and the Rev. Amos Yoder will officiate. Burial will be at Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is after 5 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family home.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Chad Barfell

FORT WAYNE — Chad "Nick" Barfell, 28, died Tuesday, July 23, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native worked at McCammon Painting Contractors.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Deborah and Skip Hamilton of LaOtto; his father and stepmother, George B. and Linda Barfell of Fort Wayne; a son, Brandon Barfell of New Haven; a daughter, Courtney Barfell of New Haven; a sister, Stacey Dunfee of New Haven; a brother, James Barfell of Fort Wayne; his grandparents, Opal Barfell and James Max Snodgrass, both of Fort Wayne; two stepbrothers, Tony Raffie and Joe Yovanovitch; a stepsister, Michelle Gentry; and his companion, Deanne Keener of New Haven.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to his children.

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Thomas Dafforn

FORT WAYNE — Thomas Lee Dafforn, 72, died Tuesday, July 23, 2002, at home.

The Fort Wayne native retired as a tool crib attendant from ITT after 48 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Dafforn; a son, Bruce Dafforn of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Hollie Hormann of Decatur; a sister, Marclyn Hilbert of Howe; and five grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Luke Lutheran Church. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Friday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral home and 9-10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice.

Donald Dominy

ALBION — Donald L. Dominy, 58, died at home Monday, July 22, 2002.

He retired from Zollner Corp., Fort Wayne, in May 2002 after 40 years of service. He had lived in Albion since 1972, coming from Oliver Lake. He was a member of the Albion Eagles.

He was born Aug. 13, 1943 in Garrett to Archie L. and Florence (Lobdell) Dominy. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Duane Dominy of Goshen and Edward Allen Dominy of Roanoke; a granddaughter, Hailey Dominy; two sisters, June Courtney of Carmel and Nancy Downing of Preble; and a brother, Larry Dominy of Jacksonville, Fla.

Memorial services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Paul Welker

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Paul George Welker, 80, died Wednesday, July 24, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native was president of Welker & Associates Insurance Agency in Fort Wayne, Butler, Kendallville and Portland, and of Clear Lake Financial Corp. and Lake Avenue Realty Corp. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II and was past president of Professional Insurance Agents.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie Welker; a daughter, Cynthis Landmeier of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A daughter, Patricia Welker, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home and 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the church elevator fund.

THE NEWS-SUN FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2002

Services Held

AVILLA — Services for Terry **N. Vice** were 11 a.m. Thursday, July 25, 2002, at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiated.

Burial was at Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla. Pallbearers were Tyler Haines, Ford Frick Jr., Bruce Boehme, Grover Yontz, John Eichoff, Gregg Oelfke, Ben Wynkoop and Matthew Vice.

Honorary pallbearers were Mitch Hampshire, Rodney Patrick, Paul Reike, Pat Cook, Denny Weimer, Josh Vice, John Delucenay and Terry Chester. Arrangements were by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Russell Coe

ALBION — Russell Coe, 67, died Thursday, July 25, 2002, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

The lifetime area resident was a self-employed real estate broker, appraiser and auctioneer for over 40 years and a maker of violins and violas for over 30 years. The 1954 graduate of Albion High School was a member of the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

He was born Feb. 23, 1935, in Kendallville to Orval and Mabel (Heltzel) Coe. He married Shirley Garrison July 23, 1954. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Karen Sue and Rodney Clouse of Ligonier, Robin Rex of Fort Wayne and Lorena Czosnouski of South Bend; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry Coe of Albion, Brian Coe of Edwardsburg, Mich., and Perry and Christi Coe of Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald and Mary Coe of Missouri and Duane and Shirley Coe of Columbia City; 12 grandsons; and two granddaughters.

Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Merriam. The Rev. Buel Meadows and Ken Wilkin will officiate. Burial will be at rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and 1-2 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Paul Salisbury

TEABERRY, Ky. — Paul Salisbury, 63, of Teaberry, formerly of Indiana, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, at his home.

He was born in Floyd County, June 4, 1939, a son of the late Arnold and Velvia Younce Salisbury.

He was a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, McDowell, and a member of the Betsy Layne DAV.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Clara Salisbury.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Howell Salisbury; one son, Paul Douglas Salisbury of Teaberry; two daughters, Paula Johnson of Teaberry, Emma Burchett of Ivel; one stepdaughter, Rita Johnson of Columbus, Ohio; four brothers, Raymond Salisbury of Eastern, Hoie "Bud" Salisbury of Albion, Gordon "Nut" Salisbury and Dean Salisbury, both of Kendallville; five sisters, Vernice McDaniels, Shelby Jean Short, Ora Wicker, and Flora Borger, all of Kendallville, Pelinna Dirrim of Scottsburg, Ala.; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, in the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Salisbury Family Cemetery, Printer.

Arrangements were under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Marcia Clements

KENDALLVILLE — Marcia L. Clements, 51, of Kendallville died Thursday, July 25, 2002, at 4:55 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

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Marcia Clements

KENDALLVILLE — Marcia L. Clements, 51, died on Thursday, July 25, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on October 9, 1950 to Milburn O. and Marilynn (Kurtz) Norris. Her father survives in LaGrange.

She married Franklin C. Clements on May 15, 1972, in LaGrange and he survives.

Mrs. Clements was a kindergarten and first-grade teacher with the East Noble School Corp. and taught at Rome City School for 25 years. She graduated from Westview High School in 1968; Adrian College, Adrian, Mich., in 1972; and received her master's in education from Indiana University in 1978.

Mrs. Clements

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla and served on various boards and committees within the church, including the Daycare and Preschool Board. She was also a member of the Sigma Sigma Sorority, Kappa Delta Pi Educational Sorority, National Education Association and the Indiana State Teacher's Association.

She survived by her husband; her father and his wife, Lois, of LaGrange; one daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Aaron Vaught of Kendallville; and one granddaughter, Keeley Jo Vaught.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Rev. Dean Bearman will officiate. Burial will be at the Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and also one hour before the funeral service on Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Marcia L. Clements Memorial Scholarship or Immanuel Lutheran Church Preschool.

Russell Coe

ALBION — Russell Coe, 67, of Kendallville, died Thursday, July 25, 2002, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He was a self-employed real estate broker, appraiser and auctioneer for over 40 years. He was also a maker of violins and violas for over 30 years.

He was born on Feb. 23, 1935, to Orval and Mabel (Heltzel) Coe in Kendallville. Both have preceded him in death.

He married Shirley Garrison on Oct. 23, 1954. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are three daughters, Karen Sue Clouse of Ligonier, Robin Rex of Fort Wayne and Lorenza Czosnowski of South Bend; three sons, Jerry Coe of Albion, Brian Coe of Edwardsburg, Mich. and Perry and Christi Coe of Churubusco; two brothers, Donald of Missouri and Duane Coe of Columbia City; and 14 grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam, Ind. The Rev. Buel Meadows and Ken Wilkin will officiate.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Patricia Demske

LAGRANGE — Patricia F. Demske, 59, of LaGrange, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at home.

She was born on Sept. 17, 1942, to Francis Patterson and Mary Ellen (Hinkley) Demske in Kendallville. Both preceded her in death.

She married Joseph L. Demske on June 10, 1961 in Kendallville. He survives.

She was employed by Aztec Wire of LaGrange and operated her own cleaning service.

She was a member of the Rosary and Alter societies, and a former CCD teacher at St. Joseph and St. Gaspar Catholic Churches.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph L. Demske Jr. of Sturgis, Mich., and David F. Demske of Angola; two sisters, Sarah Price of Ocean City, Md., and Martha Steele of Delta Junction, Ala.; two brothers, Thomas Patterson of Wolcottville and Michael Patterson of Brunswick, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

A rosary service will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Fruip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City. Revs. Charles Mullen and Paul Faroh will officiate.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to masses at St. Gaspar Catholic Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church, Parkview Home Health and Hospice of LaGrange and LaGrange County Cancer Society.

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This obituary is being republished with corrected information.

Marcia Clements

KENDALLVILLE — Marcia L. Clements, 51, passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2002 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Clements

Mrs. Clements was a kindergarten and first-grade teacher with the East Noble School Corp. and taught at Rome City School for 25 years. She graduated from Westview High School in 1968; Adrian College, Adrian, Mich., in 1972; and received her master's in education from Indiana University in 1978.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla and served on various boards and committees within the church, including the Daycare and Preschool Board. She was also a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, Kappa Delta Pi Educational Sorority, National Education Association, East Noble Education Association and the Indiana State Teachers Association.

She was born Oct. 9, 1950, to Milburn O. and Marilynn (Kurtz) Norris. Her father survives in LaGrange. She was preceded in death by her mother in September of 1972.

She married Franklin C. Clements on July 15, 1972, in LaGrange.

She survived by her husband in Kendallville; her father and his wife, Lois, of LaGrange; one daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Aaron Vaught of Kendallville; and one granddaughter, Keeley Jo Vaught.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. The Rev. Dean Bearman will officiate. Burial will be at the Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and also one hour before the funeral service on Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Marcia L. Clements Memorial Scholarship or Immanuel Lutheran Church Preschool.

Ella Kauffman

GOSHEN — Ella Irene Kauffman, 98, formerly of Ligonier, died Saturday, July 27, 2002, at 1:17 a.m. at Greencroft Health Care in Goshen. She had been in failing health for some time.

Mrs. Kauffman had lived in rural Ligonier for 50 years before moving to Greencroft for the past 25 years. She was a homemaker and volunteer for many organizations, as well as a member at College Mennonite Church in Goshen.

She enjoyed gardening, quilting, sewing and baking cookies, some of which were sold through a local store.

She was born Jan. 18, 1904, to Joseph J. and Lydia E. (Rufenacht) Yoder in Sugar Creek, Ohio.

She married Elmer N. Kauffman on Aug. 25, 1920. He died Dec. 11, 1976.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Elmer and Anna Kauffman of Muskegon, Mich., Kenneth Kauffman of Marion and Dean Kauffman of Portage; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Betty and Edwin Stutzman of Kokomo, Claramae and Donald Gingerich of Kouts, Arlene and Dennis Schrock of St. Charles, Ill. and Thelma Kauffman of Goshen; 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jonas J. Yoder; and four sisters, Susanah Frey, Treva Miller, Lizzie Ann Lantz and Clara Miller.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Meeting House at the Gables, Greencroft in Goshen. Private burial services will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4. and 6-8 p.m. at the Meeting House at the Gables.

Memorials are to the Greencroft Foundation.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier.

This obituary is being republished with corrected information.

Patricia Demske

LAGRANGE — Patricia F. Demske, 59, of LaGrange, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at her home.

She was employed by Aztec Wire of LaGrange and operated her own cleaning service.

Mrs. Demske was a member of the Rosary and Altar Sodality and a former CCD teacher at St. Joseph and St. Gaspar Catholic churches.

She was born Sept. 17, 1942, in Kendallville to Francis and Mary Ellen (Hinkley) Patterson. Both parents preceded her in death.

She married Joseph L. Demske on June 10, 1961, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph L. Demske Jr. of Sturgis, Mich., and David P. Demske of Angola; two sisters, Sarah Price of Ocean City, Md., and Martha Steele of Delta Junction, Alaska; two brothers, Thomas Patterson of Wolcottville and Michael Patterson of Brunswick, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City. The Rev. Charles Mullen and the Rev. Paul Faroh will officiate.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. A rosary service will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses at St. Gaspar Catholic Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church, Parkview Home Health and Hospice of LaGrange and the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

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Charlene Millikan

CHURUBUSCO — Charlene W. Millikan, 42, of rural Churubusco, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at 11:56 p.m. at the family residence in Horseshoe Bay. She had been ill since April.

Mrs. Millikan had been employed for the past 12 years at the offices of Deluxe Glass of Fort Wayne. She enjoyed camping, boating and family activities. A 1978 graduate of Churubusco High School, was a lifelong resident of the Churubusco area.

She was born Jan. 28, 1960, in Norwalk, Ohio, to C. Duwayne and Nancy Lou (Harting) Hauser. Her father survives in Churubusco. Her mother died Oct. 21, 1991.

She married Richard J. "Rick" Millikan Jr. on Dec. 16, 1978 in Churubusco. The couple spent their married life at Blue Lake until moving into their newly constructed home in February. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Brad Millikan, at home; a daughter, Lindsay Millikan, at home; a twin sister and brother-in-law, Darlene and Mike Foote of Churubusco; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Cory and Darlene Hauser of Wolf Lake and Roger Hauser of Las Vegas, Nev.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Rick Van Horn, pastor of Believer's Bible Fellowship, will officiate. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling at the mortuary is Monday from 2-8 p.m. and Tuesday, one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Millikan children for education.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Donnie Bragg

HOWE — Donnie Eugene Bragg, 53, of Howe, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at 8:45 a.m. at his residence.

Mr. Bragg was a lathe operator at Flint and Walling in Kendallville. He was a lifetime resident of LaGrange and Noble counties.

He was born Aug. 17, 1948, in Buckhannon, W.Va., to Daniel Webster and Elva Gay (Gillispie) Bragg. Both parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sons, Chad Bragg of Wolcottville and Derrik Bragg of LaGrange; a stepson, Jason Price of LaGrange; a brother, Jerry Bragg of LaGrange; eight sisters, Shirley Henline of Howe, Carrie Leggett of LaGrange, Sandra Sue Draper of LaGrange, Peggy Jo Bolten of Fort Collins, Colo., Rose Lea Lee of Camden, W.Va., Lena Davis of Cassville, W.Va., Judy Posey of Wadestown, W.Va., and Nora Foltz of Buckhannon, W.Va.; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Leroy, Richard and Charles Bragg; and two sisters, Jean Carol and Dottie Bragg.

Calling is Monday from 3-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

No service will be held.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ruth Groves

AUBURN — Ruth M. Groves, 86, of Auburn, died Saturday, July 27, 2002, at 2:23 a.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Groves worked in maintenance for the Sheller-Globe Co. in Grabill for 12 years before retiring in 1980. She also worked for many years in area groceries and meat markets.

She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and belonged to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program at the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had been the organist for The Cedars Nursing Home in Leo.

She was born April 15, 1916, to Leroy and Anna (Jackson) Haywood in Sturgis, Mich.

She married Herman G. Groves on Nov. 2, 1935, in Auburn. He died Sept. 15, 1975.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Robyn Groves of Warren; three daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis and Russell Nickolson of Traverse City, Mich., Frances and James Bryan of Grabill, and Virginia and Gary Gillming of Lanagan, Mo.; a brother, Robert Haywood of Auburn; 12 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Vera Ranney and Esther Read; a daughter, Martha Ann Groves; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Cedars nursing home in Leo.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Ralph Helblig

BLUFFTON — Ralph F. Helblig, 53, of Bluffton, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at 5:28 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Helblig retired from Philips Electrical in Auburn in 1994 after 15 years of service and was a member of Living Waters Community Church in Garrett. He was a former resident of Garrett and had lived in Bluffton for three years.

He was born Feb. 15, 1949, in Bluffton to Kenneth E. and Margaret (Bell) Helblig. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Peggy S. Combs on April 10, 1976, in Garrett. She died Jan. 13, 1994.

Surviving are a son, Michael Helblig of Kendallville; a daughter, Tiffany Helblig of Bluffton; and two sisters, Melaine Prater of Bluffton and Annetta Helblig of Indianapolis.

Services will be held Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospital. Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Vera Salzbrenner

ANGOLA — Vera Flora Salzbrenner, 81, of Angola, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Salzbrenner was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

She was born Aug. 23, 1920, in Fort Wayne to Rudolph and Anna (Petenbrink) Stock.

She married Frederick Salzbrenner on Aug. 24, 1940. He died April 23, 1984.

Surviving are a son, Jay Salzbrenner of Angola; a granddaughter; a stepgrandson, two great-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

Preceding her in death were two brothers, Wilmer and Arthur Stock.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Pleasant Lake Cemetery, with Pastor Wayne C. Berkesch officiating. There will be no calling.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Society.

Virginia Wible

KENDALLVILLE — Virginia Irene "Pinkie" Wible, 91, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, July 25, 2002, at 3 p.m. in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wible was employed as a bookkeeper and in parts inventory control at the Allison Corp. in Kendallville for 28 years. Before moving to Fort Wayne in 1993, she was a lifetime Kendallville resident.

She taught Sunday School for 25 years at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, and served on the Kendallville Planning Commission as secretary for 15 years and was a member of the Kendallville Board of Zoning Appeals for six years.

Mrs. Wible was born June 5, 1911, in Kendallville to Harold and Agnes (Hanes) Merkling. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1929.

She married Robert Owen Wible on Dec. 5, 1936, in Kendallville. He died Feb. 15, 1967.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kirk and Adrienne Wible of Huntley, Ill.

Graveside services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. The Rev. Dr. David Hogsett, pastor of Trinity Church United Methodist, officiated.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Orpheus Hatton

LAOTTO — Orpheus Hatton, 67, died Sunday, July 28, 2002, at 5:20 p.m. in his LaOtto home.

Mr. Hatton owned A&O Sewer Service and was a farmer. He also worked for Conrail. He had lived in LaOtto for 63 years.

He was born June 9, 1935, in Van Cleve, Ky., to Ben and Lula (Collins) Hatton.

He married Roberta J. Stout on April 21, 1956, in Columbia City. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jerry Hatton of LaOtto and Ricky Hatton of Garrett; two daughters, Sandra Riccius and Debra Crager, both of Garrett; two brothers, Carl Hatton of LaOtto and George Hatton of Fort Wayne; six sisters, Dorothy Bickel of Kentucky, Opal Landsaw of Fort Wayne, Betty Stoffer of Spencerville, Miranda Hatton of Churubusco, Opsy Terry of Hunterlake, Ind., and Viola Murray of Garrett; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Ben, Jim and John Hatton, and two sisters, Leann and Laura Hatton, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Donald Shankster and George Stout officiating. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery at LaOtto.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **John P. Becker**, 77, of Kendallville and formerly of Ligonier, were 11 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home. The Rev. Dwain Patrick officiated.

Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Pallbearers were Jason, Adam and Nathon Becker, Craig Tornquist, Joe Kidwell, Shad Hartsough and Joe Bowman.

THE NEWS-SUN TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2002

Shana Godsey

CENTREVILLE, MICH. — Shana Marie Godsey, 18, died at 6:35 p.m. Michigan time Saturday, July 27, 2002, at Rose Arbor Hospice Residence, Kalamazoo, Mich. from injuries sustained in a July 7 vehicle accident in Dowagiac, Mich.

She enjoyed writing, reading poetry and playing volleyball and basketball.

She was born Feb. 10, 1984, in Three Rivers, Mich.

Miss Godsey

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Jack and Lana Jeffrey of Centreville, Mich.; her father and stepmother, Otis and Jeanie Godsey of Kendallville; two grandfathers, Gordon Johnson of Constantine, Mich., and Robert Fanning of Angola; a grandmother, Ann Jeffrey of Portage, Mich.; two stepgrandparents, Ishmel and Ora Wicker of Rome City; four brothers, Ron Mitchell of Norfolk, Va., Sean Michael Godsey and Gerald Godsey, both of Rome City, and Nathan Ishmel Godsey of Kendallville; a sister, Meagan Elizabeth Godsey of Kendallville; a godmother, Deb Godsey of Rome City; and several aunts and uncles.

A grandmother, Roberta Johnson of Constantine, Mich., and a grandfather, Jack M. Jeffrey of Portage, Mich., preceded her in death.

Services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. northeast Indiana time at Eley Funeral Home, Centreville, Mich., with Pastor Wade Sturdivant, New Freedom Baptist Church of LaGrange, officiating. Burial will be at Prairie River Cemetery in Centreville.

Calling is 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. northeast Indiana time Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Bronson Methodist Hospital Trauma Center.

Barbara Carcione

WOLCOTTVILLE — Barbara L. Carcione, 69, died Sunday, July 28, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Carcione graduated from Fort Wayne North Side High School and was a former member of the Pretty Lake Conservation Club. She was employed at Home and Farm Insurance, Kendallville, and lived in Fort Wayne before moving to LaGrange County in 1951.

She was born Nov. 21, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Warren H. and Fern (Lockwood) Trim. She married James S. Carcione Nov. 11, 1972, in South Milford. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Daniel Prough of LaGrange; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Rosemary and David Johnson of Wolcottville and Tracey Johnson of Wilson, N.C.; three stepsons and two stepdaughters-in-law, Larry Carcione of Stroh, Steve and Collette Carcione of Van Wert, Ohio, and Curtis and Carolyn Carcione of Wolcottville; a sister, Helen J. Clark of Wolcottville; 16 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Lewis B. Miller officiating. Burial will be at Luke Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to James Whitcomb Riley Hospital Memorial Association or Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

Mildred Kring

LIGONIER — Mildred H. Kring, 81, of Ligonier, formerly of Kimmell, died at 2:30 a.m. Monday, July 29, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Kring was a retired cashier for the Kroger Co., a member of the American Association of Retired Persons and enjoyed crossword puzzles and dogs. She attended Ligonier Church of Christ.

She was born Sept. 7, 1920, in Cromwell. She married Earl "Red" Kring June 28, 1947, in Churubusco. He preceded her in death Oct. 6, 1996.

A sister, Betty, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Tal Turner of Indianapolis, Sherry and Terry Bair of Ligonier, and Pamela and Sid Gabbard of Cromwell; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Phillip and Barbara Stump of Fort Wayne, and Stephan Stump of Flagstaff, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Pastor Donald Mitchell officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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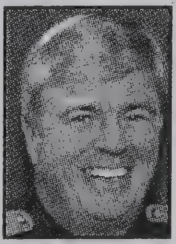
Joel Working

ANGOLA — Steuben County Sheriff Joel A. Working, 59, died Sunday, July 28, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

He served as sheriff of Steuben County for the past 3 1/2 years and formerly worked for the Allen County Sheriff's Department for 28 years.


Working

A resident of Angola, he was a 33rd-degree Mason, a member of Fremont Masonic Lodge 210, York Rite of Steuben County, and the Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne. He was a past potentate of the Mizpah Shrine Temple.

He was a member of Pokagon Shrine Club, Angola Chapter 78 of the Order of Eastern Star, Angola Rotary Club, Angola Elks Lodge, Angola Moose Lodge, Angola Lions Club and the Domestic Violence Coalition. He was a volunteer for the March of Dimes and American Cancer Society.

He was born Oct. 22, 1942, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Gladys (Huddleston) Working. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Dailia Dennis on June 2, 1962, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Pam Feller of Fremont and Paula Worden of Columbia City; and five grandchildren, Ashley Feller, Josh Feller, Tanner Worden, Tabitha Worden and Tarrin Worden.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Fairview Missionary Church of Angola, with the Rev. John Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. A Masonic service will be conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Special Response Tactical Team, Shrine Children's Hospital or the Steuben County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Jerry Goble

ALTONA — Jerry Douglas "Doug" Goble, 59, died Saturday, July 27, 2002, in the Veterans Administration hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been ill for several months.

Mr. Goble was a former longtime employee of Auburn Gear and was well known in auto racing circles at the Steuben County Speedway in Angola.

He was born Sept. 12, 1942, in Floyd County, Ky., to Earl and Virgie (Bradley) Goble. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Marilyn Stafford on June 8, 1968, in Brimfield. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jerry Douglas Goble Jr. and Alan Lee Goble, both of Altona; one daughter, Vickie (Goble) Cardoza of Kendallville; one brother and sister-in-law, Doyle and Dixie Goble of Garrett; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and Randy Delauder, Kathy and Larry E. Baker, and Jenny and Billy Pogue, all of Garrett, and Sue and Oscar Howard Curtland of Hudson; and two grandchildren, Lindsay and Benjamin Cardoza of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by one brother, James Lee Goble; one sister, Nadine Goble; and a grandson, Shilar Alan Goble.

His body was donated to medical science. Services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

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Retha Petrie

CHURUBUSCO — Retha F. Petrie, 74, of rural Churubusco died Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been hospitalized for three weeks and seriously ill since March.

Mrs. Petrie spent her formative years in Livermore, Ky., graduating from Livermore High School in 1946. The early years of her marriage were spent in McLean County, Ky. She moved to the Churubusco area in 1969. She was employed at Lincoln Food Service, Fort Wayne, for 20 years, retiring in 1994.

She was born May 16, 1928, in McLean County to Henry and Erman (Girvin) Howard. She married Stuart L. Petrie June 22, 1946, in Owensboro, Ky. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Jonathan Arehart of Churubusco; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Keith Petrie of LaGrange, Gerald and Ann Petrie of Fort Wayne and John S. and Cathy Petrie of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Orva Mae Girvin of McLean; and seven grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rev. Nancy Fergusson, one of the pastors of Green Center United Methodist Church, will officiate. Interment will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American heart Association or the American Lung Association.

Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Sara King

GOSHEN — Sara R. King, 73, died Monday, July 29, 2002, at 9:20 a.m. in Elkhart General Hospital, where she had been a patient since June 20. She had been seriously ill for the past nine months.

Mrs. King lived in Goshen for the past six years, moving from Angola. She was a high school teacher, teaching business education to students in Angola for many years. She owned and operated Sally's Sweet Shop in Shipshewana from 1986 to 1988. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

She graduated from Middlebury High School in 1947 and from Wheaton College in 1953. She received her master's degree from Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1972.

She was born July 29, 1929, in Goshen to Ernest A. and Bernice (Smoker) Ulery.

She married R. Kreig King on Aug. 8, 1959, in Middlebury, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-lawn, Becky King-Cerling and Lee Cerling of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; one son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Tina King in Wheaton, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Yoder-Culp Funeral Home of Goshen. Pastor James Simpson of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will officiate with Dr. Lee Cerling as eulogist. Burial will be in Forest Grove Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Gideons International or Wheaton College in Illinois.

David Castator

KENDALLVILLE — David F. Castator, 46, died Dec. 22, 2001, at Manor Care Nursing Home, St. Petersburg, Fla.

He was employed as a boat mechanic in Florida.

He was born Oct. 19, 1955, in Fort Wayne to Forrest "Abe" and Virginia (Uhl) Castator. His mother survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a daughter, Brandy Castator of Huntertown; a son, Chad Castator of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Larry Ellis of Canyon Lake, Calif.

Graveside services are 10:30 a.m., Saturday at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with the Rev. Gene Flickinger officiating.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Marcia L. Clements** were 10 a.m. Monday, July 29, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla. The Rev. Dean Bearman officiated.

Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Pallbearers were Dane Brandgard, Mark Fate, Andrew and Matthew Gisel, Shanan Miller and James Irvin. Honorary pallbearers were John Fate, Eric Brandgard, Rick Clements, Bill Muehlenbeck, Tom Gisel and Jerry Shoemaker.

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Russell Coe, 67

ALBION – Russell Coe, 67, died at Life Care Center of LaGrange on Thursday, July 25, 2002 at 8:45 a.m.

He was born on February 23, 1935 in Kendallville to Orval and Mabel (Heltzel) Coe, both deceased.

On July 23, 1954 he married Shirley Garrison, she survives in Albion.

Mr. Coe was a lifetime resident of the Albion area. He was a 1953 graduate of Albion High School He was a self-employed real estate broker, appraiser and auctioneer for over 40 years and a maker of violins and violas for over 30 years. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge of Kendallville.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley; three daughters, Karen Sue and Rodney Clouse of Ligonier, Robin Rex of Ft. Wayne, Lorena Czosnouski of South Bend; three sons, Jerry Coe of Albion, Brian Coe of Edwardsburg, MI, Perry and Christi Coe of Churubusco; twelve grandsons; two grandaughters; two brothers, Donald and Mary Coe of Missouri and Duane and Shirley Coe of Columbia City.

Services were held at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam on Monday, July 29, 2002 with Rev. Buel Meadows and Ken Wilkin officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Paul Salisbury

TEABERRY, Ky.–Paul Salisbury, 63, of Teaberry, formerly of Indiana, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, at his home.

He was born in Floyd County, June 4, 1939, a son of the late Arnold and Velvia Younce Salisbury.

He was a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, McDowell, and a member of the Betsy Layne DAV.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Clara Salisbury.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Howell Salisbury; one son, Paul Douglas Salisbury of Teaberry; two daughters, Paula Johnson of Teaberry, Emma Burchett of Ivel; one stepdaughter, Rita Johnson of Columbus, Ohio; four brothers, Raymond Salisbury of Eastern, Hoie "Bud" Salisbury of Albion, Gordon "Nut" Salisbury and Dean Salisbury, both of Kendallville; five sisters, Vernice McDaniels, Shelby Jean Short, Ora Wicker, and Flora Borger, all of Kendallville, Pelinna Dirrim of Scottsburg, Ala; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, in the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Salisbury Family Cemetery, Printer.

Arrangements were under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

This obituary is being published again with additional information.

Madeline Todd

ALBION– Services for Madeline N. Todd, 94, were Saturday, July 20, 2002, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Terry marker officiating.

Burial was in Merriam Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Pallbearers were Chuck, Steve and Kevin Todd, Scott Cole, David Pearsall and Gregg Gorsuch.

Mrs. Todd died at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

She was born to Todd and Zelma (Bowen) Weeks July 12, 1908, in Noble County. She married Gerald J. Todd in Noble County July 12, 1927. He preceded her in death Aug. 10, 1979. Also a daughter Janice Pearsall on July 10, 1993.

Three sisters, Alverta Young, Welcome Van Aman and Evelyn Dressler, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Buddy D. (Beverly) Todd of Albion; a sister, Mary Barcus of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Charles, Steven, Kevin and Jeffrey Todd, Diane Lawson, Kimberly Ross, Cindy Wilson and David Pearsall; 13 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a step great-grandchild.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, was in charge of arrangements.

Donald Dominy

ALBION – Donald L. Dominy, 58, died at home Monday, July 22, 2002.

He retired from Zollner Corp., Fort Wayne, in May 2002 after 40 years of service. He had lived in Albion since 1972, coming from Oliver Lake. He was a member of the Albion Eagles.

He was born August 13, 1943 in Garrett to Archie L. and Florence (Lobdell) Dominy. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Duane Dominy of Goshen and Edward Allen Dominy of Roanoke; a granddaughter, Hailey Dominy; two sisters, June Courtney of Carmel and Nancy Downing of Preble; and a brother, Larry Dominy of Jacksonville, Fla.

Memorial services were Saturday, July 27, 2002 at Brazzell Funeral home, Albion.

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Ruth Hartman

GOSHEN– Ruth Emeline Ethel Smith Hartman died on July 21, 2002 in Goshen, IN.

She was born on October 1, 1900 at Wolf Lake, Noble County Indiana. She was the daughter of Hiram Haley Smith (born in New Jersey) and Esther Ann Deckard Calhoun (born in Gallia County, Ohio).

She attended school in Noble County, lived for a time in Indianapolis, after her father died in Noble County.

Ruth married Charles William Smith on December 20, 1919 and they traveled around the country on his engineering projects such as the blimp hanger at Moffitt Air Base (near Mountain View, California). They lived in a trailer which had a little back porch with geraniums in pots fastened down to stabilize them as they traveled. For a time they lived in Cumberland, Maryland where they enjoyed hunting. She also at different times raised poodle and pekingese dogs.

After returning to Indiana Ruth and Charles bought a farm near Goshen. She also helped with the farming. Charles had been injured (gassed) in WWI and when he entered veterans hospital at Danville, Illinois Ruth continued the farming. Charles died at the hospital in 1959. Ruth bought another farm near Goshen and had a large dairy herd. IN 1980 she married Roy Hartman who died in 1990.

Ruth's first love was gardening; she also had a passion for fishing and crocheting. She often said she would rather die in her garden than in bed.

She had a half brother, Luther Calhoun, and a half sister, Mary Calhoun Fruchey who preceded her in death. Her only full sister was Bessie Smith White who died in 1972 in Long Beach, California. Also, there are seven nieces and nephews still living in Illinois and California: Esther, Paul, Mary, Samuel, James, David and Ruthie.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 26, 2002 at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Ron Diener officiating.

Burial was in Rice Cemetery in Elkhart.

Charlene Millikan

CHURUBUSCO -- Charlene W. Millikan, 42, a resident of rural Churubusco, died at 11:56 p.m. Friday, July 26, 2002, at the family residence in Horseshoe Bay. She had been ill since April.

Mrs. Millikan was born on January 28, 1960 in Norwalk, Ohio, a daughter of C. DuWayne and Nancy Lou (Harting) Hauser. She was a lifelong resident of the Churubusco-area, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1978.

On December 16, 1978, she was married in Churubusco to Richard J. "Rick" Millikan, Jr. The couple spent all of their married life at Blue Lake until moving into their newly constructed home in February.

For the past 12 years she had been employed in the offices of Deluxe Glass of Fort Wayne, Inc.

The surviving relatives include her husband Rick; her son, Brad Millikan, at home; her daughter, Lindsay Millikan, at home; her father, DuWayne Hauser of Churubusco; a twin sister and brother-in-law, Darlene and Mike Foote of Churubusco; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Cory and Darlene Hauser of Wolf Lake and Roger Hauser of Las Vegas, Nev.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother on October 21, 1991.

Funeral services were Tuesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Rick Van Horn, pastor of Believer's Bible Fellowship, officiating.

Interment will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Millikan children for education. Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Albert Magner

COLUMBIA CITY — Albert E. Magner, 89, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at The Oaks of Columbia City after a two-year illness.

Mr. Magner spent his early years in Fort Wayne before moving to Churubusco. He moved to Columbia City two years ago. He was employed at Fruehoff, Fort Wayne, as a welder for 40 years, retiring in 1973.

He was born Dec. 2, 1912, in Fort Wayne to Henry F. and Sylvia (Sitz) Magner. His first wife, the former Margaret Prine, preceded him in death in 1965. His second wife, the former Irene Sloffer, preceded him in death in 1983. He married Marjorie J. Leedy Jan. 19, 1985, in Churubusco. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Starr and Harold Bebout and Ellen and Pete Helmer, all of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Stella and Dick Burns of Grand Haven, Mich., and Edna Leedy of Albion; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Lila Magner of Bradshaw, Neb., and Frank and Lou Magner of New Haven.

A sister, Dorothy Dixon, and two brothers, Elmer and Art Magner, preceded him in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Pastor Jeffrey Harker of First Baptist Church, Columbia City, will officiate. Interment will be at Eel River Cemetery, Allen County, south of Churubusco.

Calling is 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are donor's choice.

Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Robert Kramer

MARION — Robert John Kramer, 58, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at Marion General Hospital after an extended illness.

Mr. Kramer lived in Gibson County until his late 20s, then moved to Topeka, where he served the Westview School Corp. as business manager and transportation director for 18 years. He had lived in Marion the last 12 years, where he was an associate at Wal-Mart. He was a member of Temple Congregational Church, Marion. He enjoyed extended vacations. He earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Oakland City College.

He was born Oct. 4, 1943, in Gibson County to Nobel Henry and Emma Lisetta Marie (Kracht) Kramer. He married Cheryl L. Smith Nov. 17, 1973, at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange. She survives in Marion.

Also surviving are a son, Frederick L. Kramer of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Mark Rayn of Swanton, Ohio; a brother, Marvin Kramer of Fort Branch; a sister, Joan Dukes of Sugarhill, Ga.; a grandchild; and three stepgrandchildren.

A brother, Kenneth Kramer, preceded him in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Topeka Baptist Church. The Rev. Allen Holmes and Berton Smith, Mr. Kramer's brother-in-law, will officiate. Burial will be at Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is 3-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

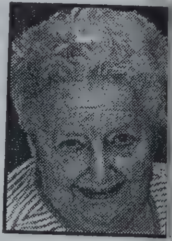
Ruth Stonebraker

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth E. Stonebraker, 97, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Valette Jack

KENDALLVILLE — Valette Elizabeth Jack, 88, died Wednesday July 31, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.


Mrs. Jack

Mrs. Jack graduated from Indian State Teachers College and taught a Fort Wayne Rudisill, Bloomington Schools and East Noble School Corp.'s South & Central Elementary. She came to Kendallville in 1949, having previously lived in Akron, Ohio, and Fort Wayne. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville, and its Esther Circle, as well as Tri Kappa, Quest Club and the Indiana Teachers Association.

She was born July 19, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Reuben Edwin and Flora Matilda (Snitz) Bechtold. She married Robert Paul Jack June 10, 1941, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death March 23, 1987.

Two brothers, Kenneth and Clyde Bechtold, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara Lee and Larry Dusel of Louisville, Ky.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Fay and Delbert Wartzok, of Fort Wayne.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Pastor Gene Flickinger of Wayne Center United Methodist Church, Kendallville, will officiate. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill of Faith United Methodist Church.

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Roberta Heileman

ALBION — Roberta R. Heileman, 64, died unexpectedly Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room.

Mrs. Heileman was employed for 10 years at Lyall Electric, Albion, retiring July 27, 1987. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, Waterloo.

She was born April 29, 1938, in Albion to Guy and Ethel (Feightner) Moore. She married Raymond C. Heileman Sr. Sept. 9, 1955, in Villa Platte, La. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond Heileman Jr. and Millie Heileman of Albion and Roy and Betty Heileman of Ligonier; four daughters and sons-in-law, Vicky and Larry Myers, Deborah and Steve Kline and Ruth and Del Owen, all of Albion, and Nancy and John Adams of Ligonier; four brothers, Gerald Hullinger of Albion, Ronald Moore of Sugarland, Texas, Guy Moore Jr. of Irving, Texas, and William Moore of Eagle Lake, Texas; a sister, Rebecca Thompson of Albion; 26 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a stepmother, Ezora Moore of Eagle Lake.

A son, Jackie, and a great-grandson preceded her in death.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Free Will Baptist Church, Waterloo. The Rev. Ron Stambaugh will officiate. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and 12:30-1:30 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Virginia Norton

AUBURN — Virginia Margaret Norton, 76, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at 3 a.m. in her rural Auburn home, following an extended illness.

Mrs. Norton worked at Bohn Aluminum in Butler for 21 years, retiring in 1983. She was an active member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

She was born Aug. 22, 1925, in Racine, Wis., to William and Frieda Luedtke.

She married Loyal Norton on Dec. 20, 1945, in Racine. He died June 15, 1998.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Deb Norton of St. Joe, and Grant and Pam Norton, Larry and Gail Norton, and Jerry and Kay Norton, all of Butler; one sister, Marion Martinson of Racine; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

One brother, William Luedtke, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Brian Lewis

FORT WAYNE — Brian S. Lewis, 37, died Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native was a machinist with Aeroquip Corp. He was a car enthusiast, skilled mechanic, and license plate collector. A member of the Harley Owner's Group, he loved music, movies and computers.

Surviving are his mother, Sandy Lewis of Fort Wayne; his father and stepmother, Stewart and Arlene Lewis of LaOtto; a sister, Jody Lewis of Fort Wayne; a brother, Adam Lewis of Fort Wayne; and two grandmothers, Bertha Lewis of Huntertown and Estelle Wagner of Fort Wayne.

Private services will be held. Celebration of life services are 2-6 p.m. Aug. 17 at Turnstone Center, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

Joan Oddou

KENDALLVILLE — Joan M. Oddou, 72, of Kendallville, died at 4:05 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Oddou was a homemaker and had lived in Kendallville for the last 10 years, having moved from Fort Wayne, then Leo and Fort Myers, Fla. She was a member of the Fort Myers Florida Thunderbird Park Womens Club, and St. Coulmaille Catholic Church, Fort Myers, Fla.

She was born Jan. 26, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Frank and Catherine (Manweiller) Hartman. She married Harold Oddou in November 1947 at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Nancy and Gary Williams of Mountain Lake, N.J., Sue and Stephen Lengacher of Leo-Cedarville, Patricia and Scott Moore of Auburn, and Christine West of Garrett; a son, Dr. William Oddou of Philadelphia, Pa.; a sister, Hillis Colby of Fort Wayne; a brother, Paul Hartman of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A grandchild and her parents preceded her in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Entombment is in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Memorials are to the Nature Conservatory.

Albert Sims Sr.

NORTH MANCHESTER — Albert Sims Sr., 90, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

Mr. Sims was a custodian at Laketon Elementary School, retiring in 1974. He owned Sims Printing, Laketon, for 30 years and Sims Grocery, Laketon, from 1950 to 1060. He was also employed at Priser's Auto for several years. He was a former member of the Laketon Lions Club. He was a member of Servia United Church of Christ.

He was born Feb. 28, 1912, in North Manchester to Floyd and Bertie (Hawkins) Sims. He married Florence Hoover May 30, 1934. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Joanne Sims of Warsaw and Floyd and Carol Sims of South Milford; a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and John Gorrell of Pleasant Lake; 13 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

A brother preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary North Manchester Chapel. The Rev. William Hainstock will officiate. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery.

Calling is 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Ruth Stonebraker

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Stonebraker, 97, of Kendallville, died at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2002, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Stonebraker

Mrs. Stonebraker attended Tri-State College, Angola, and the National College of Education at Northwestern University, Chicago. She taught in Butler before her marriage. She and her husband moved to Kendallville. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, where she taught Sunday School, was a district officer and a member of the Lydia Circle. She was also a girl scout leader and past president of Tri Kappa.

She was born Nov. 28, 1904, in Butler to William and Elva Capp. She married John Stonebraker June 1, 1926. He preceded her in death Oct. 3, 1981.

A son, Richard, also preceded her in death July 20, 1983.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Robert Cooke of Milford, Conn.; a daughter-in-law, Beverly Stonebraker of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, John, Robert and Sherrill Cooke, Richard, Roger and Ben Stonebraker and Jennifer Stonebraker Upchurch; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Church United Methodist with Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating. Burial is in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 10-11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Jean Hitchcock

FORT WAYNE — Jean L. Hitchcock, 77, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at home.

The Defiance, Ohio, native was a homemaker and member of Heartland Community Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Gale Strahm of Kendallville and Darlene Hitchcock of Fort Wayne; three sons, David E. and Robert A. Hitchcock, both of Fort Wayne, and Dan L. Hitchcock of Alaska; three brothers, Jack Sandys of Paulding, Ohio, Jim Sandys of New Haven and Donny Sandys of California; a stepsister, Mary Sandys of Defiance; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Louis E. Hitchcock, preceded her in death.

Services are noon today at C.M. Sloan & Son Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 10 a.m.-noon today.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army or the church.

Constance Solomon

SEMORA, N.C. — Constance "Connie" Solomon, 48, died unexpectedly Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002, while on vacation in Frisco, N.C.

Mrs. Solomon was an account manager for IBM. She graduated from LaSalle High School and Ivy Tech State College and lived in Semora, N.C.

She was born Oct. 5, 1953, in Elkhart to Jack Hess Sr. and P. Henrietta (Smith) Hess. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Dennis Solomon on Feb. 27, 1998, in Jamaica. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Troy Wray of Holly Springs, N.C., and Chad and Sarah Wray of Durham, N.C.; one sister, Cheryl Beck of Wakarusa; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack Hess Jr. and Sally Hess of Syracuse, Ind., Gene L. and Diana Hess of Mattawan, Mich., and Dr. Gary A. and Sandy Hess of Dexter, Mich.

Services will be held Sunday at 3:15 p.m. in Reith-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral Home, Wakarusa, with calling after 1 p.m. Pastor Justin Lamason of the Nappanee Missionary Church will officiate. Burial will be in Olive (West) Cemetery.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 5 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Durham, N.C.

Memorials are to United Cancer Services of Elkhart or the American Heart Association.

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Nevil Smallwood

MONGO — Nevil Smallwood, 73, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Smallwood was a homemaker and a former employee of LaGrange Nursing Home. She was a member of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

She was born June 17, 1929, to Coy and Rebecca (Calhoun) Johnson in Bevinsville, Ky. She married Arthur J. Smallwood on Jan. 9,1947, in Paintsville, Ky. They moved to LaGrange County in 1967. He preceded her in death on July 16, 1987.

Also preceding her in death are two sisters, three brothers and two grandsons.

Surviving are seven daughters and six sons-in-law, Verna and Wayne Gitt and Birdenna and Richard Smith, all of LaGrange, Sandra and Earmal Moore of Bronson, Mich., Glema and Tim Norris and Angela and George Jenkot, all of Howe, Paula and Matt Hile of Kendallville and Marsha Hawver of Fort Wayne; seven sons and five daughters-in-law, Hughie and Melvie Smallwood of Bevinsville, Ky., Morris and Sharon Smallwood of Mongo, Dale and Cathy Smallwood of LaGrange, Augusta and Julie Smallwood of Wonewoc, Wis., Wendall Smallwood of Burr Oak, Mich., Bert and Sharon Smallwood of Bronson, Mich., and Karl Smallwood of Howe; five sisters, Geraldine Martin of LaGrange, Hermia Arnold and Noarine Bower, both of Kendallville, Gwen Hall of Neon, Ky., and Christine Marshall of Hampton, Va.; three brothers, Bob Johnson of Homer, Mich., and Winston Johnson and Arthur Johnson, both of Neon, Ky.; 29 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville. The Rev. Leburn Combs will officiate. Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery in Brighton.

Calling is 3 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice & Home Care in Angola.

Funeral arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Earl Schlotterback

GARRETT — Earl M. Schlotterback, 73, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett, where he had lived since Feb. 25.

Mr. Schlotterback was the owner of Schlotterback's Grocery in Garrett from 1969-1987. He also worked at the Pet Milk Plant in Garrett and as an oiler on the B&O Railroad. He was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

He was born Oct. 14, 1928, to Marion Earl and Mary Blanche (Malcolm) Schlotterback in Garrett. He married Elsie E. Kleiber on Dec. 8, 1950, in Garrett. She survives.

Mr. Schlotterback

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Darlene Schlotterback of Kendallville and Eugene and Lorna Schlotterback of Garrett; three granddaughters, Kimberly Micelli of Fort Wayne and Bethany and Emily Schlotterback, both of Kendallville; a grandson, Brett Schlotterback of Kendallville; and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was a daughter, Deborah Kay Schlotterback.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. The Rev. Herbert Schumm will officiate. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Evelyn Gressley

HUNTINGTON — Evelyn Gressley, 98, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at Norwood Nursing Center in Huntington.

Before retiring in 1984, Mrs. Gressley worked at Gass' Ladies Shop in Huntington as a sales clerk for 25 years. She was a former member of Central Christian Church in Huntington.

She was born June 4, 1904, to John and Sylvia (Russell) Jones in Rose Farm, Ohio. She moved to Huntington in 1920 and married Carl C. Wilson that year. He preceded her in death in 1946. She then married Ray B. Gressley on May 12, 1956, in Huntington. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Carl Wilson of New Port Richey, Fla.; a daughter, Gloria Adkins of Albion; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by two sons, Clyde Wilson and Richard Wilson; a daughter, Maxine Wilson; four brothers, Bill Jones, Raymond Jones, Harley Jones and George Jones; and two grandchildren.

Services are private. Burial will be in the Pilgrims Rest Cemetery in Huntington.

Memorials are to Norwood Nursing Center or Home Health Care & Hospice, care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

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Harold Hanes

KENDALLVILLE — Harold Bower Hanes Jr., 73, died Friday, Aug. 2, 2002, at home.

Mr. Hanes worked as a teacher, administrator and coach in Frankfort, Valparaiso, Chesterton, Richmond and West Lafayette. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville, the Kendallville Board of Zoning Appeals and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Mr. Hanes

He was born Sept. 16, 1929, to Harold B. Hanes Sr. and Hilda (Cox) Hanes Gibbons. He played baseball for Purdue University. He married Cleo Dukes in Kendallville on Feb. 2, 1951. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel Hanes of Mishawaka; three brothers, Howard Hanes of Glen Rock, N.J., Hugh Hanes of Huron, Ohio, and Hal Hanes of Pekin, Ill.; and two sisters, Hannah Johnson of Fort Wayne and Hope Fey of Indianapolis.

Preceding him in death was a son, Steven Hanes.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. The Rev. David Hogsett will officiate.

Calling is private.

Memorials are to the East Noble High School Harold B. Hanes Jr. Scholarship in Teaching.

Harry Steckley

FORT WAYNE — Harry G. Steckley, 46, died Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

The Auburn native worked for Industrial Insulation and Roofing for 25 years. His hobbies were fishing and collecting Hot Wheels. He was a member of Broadway Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Alice K. Steckley; his mother, Glenys M. Podrasky of Fort Wayne; his stepmother, Carol Steckley of Butler; three brothers, James Steckley of Waterloo, Jack Steckley of Butler and John Steckley of Warsaw; two sisters, Judith Christlieb and Janet Foar, both of Waterloo.

Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is one hour prior to services and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the family.

Opal Beck

KENDALLVILLE — Opal Snyder Beck, 80, died Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Beck was a homemaker. She was born Feb. 4, 1922, to Clyde J. and Alice V. (Gantz) Snyder in DeKalb County.

Surviving are two sisters, Vera Haines of Eaton, Md., and Mildred Bard of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Beatrice Snyder of Auburn; seven nephews; and 13 nieces.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Edward J. Beck, and four brothers, Willis Snyder, Lawrence Snyder, Glenn Snyder and Warren Snyder.

Services are at noon Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. David Schlehe will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Calling is two hours prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Arthritis Foundation.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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(This obituary is published again to include additional information.)

Harold Hanes

KENDALLVILLE — Harold Bower Hanes Jr., 73, died Friday, Aug. 2, 2002, at home.

Mr. Hanes worked as a teacher, administrator and coach in Frankfort, Valparaiso, Chesterton, Richmond and West Lafayette. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville, the Kendallville Board of Zoning Appeals and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He played baseball for Purdue University.

He was born Sept. 16, 1929, to Harold B. Hanes Sr. and Hilda (Cox) Hanes Gibbons. His mother survives in Kendallville. He married Cleo Dukes in Kendallville Feb. 2, 1951. She survives.

Mr. Hanes

Also surviving are a son, Daniel Hanes of Mishawaka; three brothers, Howard Hanes of Glen Rock, N.J., Hugh Hanes of Huron, Ohio, and Hal Hanes of Pekin, Ill.; and two sisters, Hannah Johnson of Fort Wayne and Hope Fey of Indianapolis.

A son, Steven Hanes, preceded him in death.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. The Rev. David Hogsett will officiate.

Calling is private.

Memorials are to the East Noble High School Harold B. Hanes Jr. Scholarship in Teaching.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Rolland Smith

ASHLEY — Rolland "John" Smith, 68, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002, in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Smith worked at Quick Tanks in Kendallville for 47 years, retiring in 1997. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

He was born Sept. 25, 1933, in Decatur to Frank and Daisy (Henderlien) Smith. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Lucille M. Littlefield on July 3, 1951. She died July 31, 1997.

Surviving are a companion, Judy Whitman of Ashley; two sisters, Bessie Ort of Fort Wayne and Irene Pierce of Alaska; and several nieces and nephews.

Three sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Faith Baptist Church, Angola, with calling after noon. The Rev. J. Arnold Fair will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

The family requests that no flowers be sent.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Irving Caswell

FREMONT — Irving H. Caswell, 66, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002, at his Fremont home.

Surviving are his wife, Cora-Vee (Roberts) Caswell; one daughter, Alicia Beam of Wolcottville; one son, Philip Caswell of Montgomery, Mich., his mother, Frances Caswell of Coldwater, Mich.; two brothers and two sisters.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Services Held

Services for **Valette E. Jack** were 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Pastor Gene Flickinger officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Pallbearers were Rick and Ron Wartzok, Wayne Wentel, Fred Powell, Victor Sheele and Mark Rensberger.

MARION — Services for **Robert J. Kramer**, 58, of Marion, formerly of Topeka, were 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at Topeka Baptist Church. The Rev. Allen Holmes and Berton Smith officiated.

Burial was in Eden Cemetery, Topeka. Pallbearers were Todd Reece, Mike and Jonathan Smith, Kevin and Pat Kramer, Mark Rayn, Jerry Donley and Duncan Maikranz.

Arrangements were by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Judith Ogle

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Judith Rae Ogle, 61, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte.

She formerly lived in Angola for about 14 years and was a teacher from 1979 to 1993 at Prairie Heights High School in LaGrange County. She was an instructor in the English Department at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte from 1998 until her death.

Mrs. Ogle formerly lived in Indianapolis and Noblesville, Ind. She graduated from Noblesville High School in 1958 and received bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University. She taught in schools in Plainfield, Cloverdale, Monrovia and several other Indiana cities.

She was a staff development coordinator in the Health Education Department from 1977 to 1979 in a Lafayette hospital. She was a part-ime instructor at Glen Oaks Community College in Centerville, Mich., from 1987 to 1994. She noved to Florida in 1994.

She was a member of the ndiana State Teachers Association nd Christ Unity Church in harlotte.

She was born Dec. 21, 1940, in kron, Ohio, to Raymond T. and azelle M. Gilhooly. Her parents receded her in death.

She married Dale Ogle of heridan, Ind., and they were vorced. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two children, Jeff gle of El Paso, Texas, and Terri hompson of Broomsgrove, ngland; a brother, Jack Gilhooly Peoria, Ill.; and a sister, Jane lhooly of Fort Worth, Texas.

A memorial service is planned f a later date at the University of rth Carolina. The university is ablishing a memorial scholarship her name.

Carolina Funeral and Cremation nter in Charlotte is in charge of angements.

Felix Waggoner

KIMMELL — Felix H. Waggoner, 73, died Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at Goshen General Hospital.

He was born Dec. 29,1928, in Tullehoma, Tenn.

Among survivors are his wife, Doris, three sons and a daughter.

Arrangements are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Violet Richhart

COLUMBIA CITY — Violet M. Richhart, 85, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City, where she had been a resident for four weeks.

Mrs. Richhart spent her early years in Decatur, moving to New Haven in 1957 following her marriage. She lived there until moving to Columbia City in 1998. She worked as a clerk at J.C. Penney, Fort Wayne, for 10 years, retiring in 1982.

She was born April 17, 1917, in Adams County to Jacob Milton and Lucinda Alice (Wagoner) Hoffman. She married Harold Richhart in 1957. He preceded her in death in 1970.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Roger Cookson, in 1988; a grandson, David Cookson, in 1972; a sister; and two brothers.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Sidney Cookson of Columbia City; a sister, Lois Hurst of San Antonio, Texas; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Noland and Roseland Hoffman of Roanoke and Donald and Shirley Hoffman of Decatur; and a granddaughter, Tonna Cookson-Calhoun of Columbia City.

Private graveside services are Wednesday at the IOOF Cemetery, New Haven. The Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Private family visitation at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, will precede services.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com .

Irving Caswell

FREMONT — Irving Harold Caswell, 66, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002, in his Fremont home.

Mr. Caswell was an 18-year employee at New Horizons Baking Co. in Fremont. He was a former employee at L.A. Darling Co. in Coldwater, Mich., for 23 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

A member of East Gilead Missionary Church and Fairview Missionary Church, he served as a former deacon and church board member at both churches. He graduated from Coldwater High School.

He was born Sept. 6, 1935, in Kinderhook Township of Branch County, Mich., to Harold Darwin and Frances Elizabeth (Kyburz) Caswell. His mother survives in Coldwater and his father preceded him in death.

He married Cora-Vee Roberts on Aug. 23, 1959, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Alice Joy Beam of Wolcottville; one son, Philip G. Caswell of Montgomery, Mich.; two brothers, Paul Caswell of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Russell Caswell of Sturgis, Mich.; and one sister, Joy Thomas of Coldwater, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

One sister and one brother preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in East Gilead Missionary Church in Gilead Township, Branch County, with calling after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at the church. Pastor Norman Fuller and Pastor Dave Cole will officiate. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Additional calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Memorials are to East Gilead Missionary Church, Fairview Missionary Church, Child Evangelism Fellowship or Associated Churches of Steuben County.

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Carl Magley

FORT WAYNE — Carl A. Magley, 73, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002, at Golden Years Homestead.

The Missouri native was a truck driver, retiring in 1991.

Surviving are five daughters, Karen Haas, Mary Jo Toenges, Bev Kluck, Peggy Trzynka and Paulett Adams, all of Fort Wayne; a son, Mike Magley; four brothers, Avery Magley of LaGrange, Pat Magley of Fife Lake, Mich., and Jake and Randy Magley, both of Kalkaska, Mich.; a sister, Florence Hill of Decatur; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

His first wife, Mary Magley, and second wife, Gertrude Magley, preceded him in death.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society.

James O'Hara Sr.

FORT WAYNE — James Edward O'Hara Sr., 62, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at his daughter's home in El Cajon, Calif.

The Fort Wayne native was a self-employed businessman who owned two restaurants in Indiana and a retail store in San Diego. He had also worked at Home Depot and was a veteran of the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Surviving are four daughters, Kathleen Fryberg of El Cajon, Deborah Montgomery of Auburn, Karen Lewis of Muncie and Susan Saalfrank of Hoagland; six sons, James O'Hara Jr. and Jesse, Mike and Dale Zent, all of Fort Wayne, John P. O'Hara of LaGrange and Jeff W. O'Hara of El Cajon; a brother, Thomas M. O'Hara; 19 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at Greenlawn Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to San Diego Hospice, 4311 Third Ave., San Diego, CA 92103.

Arrangements are by the Neptune Society of Lakeside, Calif.

Patricia Miller

FAIRFIELD GLADE, Tenn. — Patricia Hope Miller, 74, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002, in Cumberland Medical Center.

She was a retired candy maker with Kraft Food Co. She formerly lived in Kendallville and was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Garrett.

She was born July 19, 1928, in Hudson to Russell R. and Martha Louise (Chipman) McClish. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Randal D. Miller of Indianapolis and David R. Miller of Crossville, Tenn.; two daughters, Vicki L. Hodge of Toledo, Ohio, and Karen E.Toohill of Pensacola, Fla.; two brothers, Vaughn Clash of Crossville and Glen Clash of Butler; and two sisters, Lilah Steele of Wabash and Mary Mendenhall of Montpelier, Ind.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ricky Allen Miller; three sisters, Merlee Brand, Ida Green and Betty Diosdado; and one great-granddaughter, Jilliana Jolie Pena.

Services will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the chapel at Hood Funeral Home, Crossville, with the Rev. Jonathan Brumley and the Rev. Heather Landrus officiating.

Memorials are to the Tennessee Cancer Center of Cumberland County, The American Society or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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Robert Herendeen

GARRETT — Robert J. "Red" Herendeen, 67, died at 7:05 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital's emergency room in Auburn. He had been taken there a short time earlier from Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett, where he had been a resident for the past year.

Mr. Herendeen worked at Pepsi Cola, Fort Wayne, for over 15 years, and retired in 1996 as a tow motor operator at OMC Aluminum Boat Group, Syracuse.

He was born Dec. 19, 1934, in Allen County to Louis G. and Matilda (Hodson) Herendeen, and spent his formative years in Fort Wayne. He spent most of his adult life in Churubusco and lived in Pierceton for a time before entering the nursing home. His wife, Elcie (Parker) Herendeen, preceded him in death Dec. 19,1993.

A sister, Helen Niccum, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert Dale Herendeen of Indianapolis, Andy and Paula Herendeen of Fort Wayne and Tom and Jane Herendeen of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Frank Inman of Cleveland, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Walter and Barbara Herendeen of Auburn; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Thelma and Richard Wheeler of Angola and Bess and Richard Thompson of Auburn; 12 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rev. Lois Watkins, pastor of LaOtto Wesleyan Church, will officiate. Internment will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sumpathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Felix Waggoner

KIMMELL — Felix Howard Waggoner, 73, died at 12:51 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen, after a one-month illness.

Mr. Waggoner had lived on Knapp Lake near Kimmell since 1972, after having lived in Fort Wayne for 26 years. He worked for International Harvester, Fort Wayne, for 23 years, and was employed at Kidd & Co. for five years, retiring in 1989. He was a member of the Church of Christ in LaGrange and enjoyed fishing.

He was born Dec. 29, 1928, in Tullahoma, Tenn., to Daniel and Mary Eliza (Todd) Waggoner. He married Doris Blanche Evans Nov. 29, 1947, in Manchester, Tenn. She survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Meladie Waggoner of Memphis, Tenn., and Rick and Larry Waggoner, both of Kimmell; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Jimm Nidlinger of Terre Haute; a brother and sister-in-law, Houston Daniel and Tina Waggonner of Estill Springs, Tenn.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Two brothers also preceded him in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. William Hughes will officiate. Burial will be at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling is 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Patricia Miller

FAIRFIELD GLADE, Tenn. — Patricia Hope Miller, 74, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002, in Cumberland Medical Center.

She was retired from her work as candy maker with Kraft Food Co. She formerly lived in Kendallville and was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Garrett.

She was born July 19, 1928, in Hudson to Russell R. and Martha Louise (Chipman) McClish. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Randal D. Miller of Indianapolis and David R. Miller of Crossville, Tenn.; two daughters, Vicki L. Hodge of Toledo, Ohio, and Karen E. Toohill of Pensacola, Fla.; two brothers, Vaughn McClish of Crossville and Glen McClish of Butler; and two sisters, Lilah Steele of Wabash and Mary Mendenhall of Montpelier, Ind.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ricky Allen Miller; three sisters, Merlee Brand, Ida Green and Betty Diosdado; and one great-granddaughter, Jilliana Jolie Pena.

Services will be held today at 3 p.m. in the chapel at Hood Funeral Home, Crossville, with the Rev. Jonathan Brumley and the Rev. Heather Landrus officiating.

Memorials are to the Tennessee Cancer Center of Cumberland County, The American Society or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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Vira Wilson

LIGONIER — Vira "Vi" M. Wilson, 90, died at 1 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002, at her son's home in Kirklin.

Mrs. Wilson had owned and operated Vi's Flowers, Wolcottville, for many years, then worked as a flower arranger for Dale's Florist, Ligonier. She was a member of the Church of God and loved flowers.

She was bornMarch 23, 1912, in Orange Township, Noble county, to Riley and Ella (Bates) Donat. She married Robert L. Wilson in Goshen Nov. 2, 1929. He preceded her in death in 1970.

A daughter, Roberta, a brother and two sisters also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Shirley Mae Wilson of San Antonio, Texas; a son, Riley Lee Wilson of Kirklin; five sisters, Vera Speicher of LaGrange, Velva Clouse of San Antonio, Viola Losh of Jeffersonville, Velda Holden of Westminster, Calif., and Venita Parker of Goshen; four grandchildren, Michael, David, Christopher and Robert Wilson; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Her nephew, the Rev. Titus Speicher, will officiate. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is 1-2 p.m. Friday at the church.

Roberta R. Heileman were 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Waterloo Free Will Baptist Church, Waterloo. The Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiated.

Burial was in Sweet Cemetery, Albion. Pallbearers were Earl and Paul Thompson, Guy Hullinger, Joseph Stover, Tommy Heileman, Ralph Reese and Larry and Joseph Myers. Honorary pallbeaers were Mike and Mitchell Godbey and John Adams. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ruth Stonebraker** were 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at Trinity Church United Methodist. The Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Pallbearers were John and Robert Cooke, Richard, Roger and Ben Stonebraker and John Upchurch. Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home,

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Albert Magner

COLUMBIA CITY–Albert E. Magner of Columbia City, ormerly of Churubusco, died t 7:25 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2002, following a two-year llness at The Oaks of Columbia City.

Mr. Magner was born in Fort Wayne December 2, 1912, a son of Henry F. and Sylvia (Sitz) Magner. He spent his ormative years in Fort Wayne before moving to Churubusco. He and his wife, Marjorie moved to Columbia City two years ago.

His first marriage was to Margaret Prine. She died in 1965. He then married Irene Sloffer and she died in 1983. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Dixon and two brothers, Elmer and Art Magner. On January 19, 1985, he was married in Churubusco to Marjorie L. Leedy and she survives.

He has been employed at Fruehauf of Fort Wayne as a welder, for 40 years and retired in 1973.

The surviving relatives including his wife, Marjorie and two daughters, Mrs. Harold (Ellen) Helmer, both of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Dick (Stella) Burns, of Grand Haven, Michigan and Edna Leedy, of Albion; two brothers, Jack (wife Lila) Magner, of Bradshaw, Nebraska and Frank (wife Lou) Magner of New Haven; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Jeffrey Harker, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Columbia City, officiating.

Interment was in the Eel River Cemetery, Allen County south of Churubusco.

Memorials are to the donor's choice in memory of Albert.

Retha F. Petrie

CHURUBUSCO–Retha F. Petrie, 74, a resident of rural Churubusco, died at 10:39 a.m. Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been hospitalized for the past three weeks, and had been seriously ill since March.

Mrs. Petrie was born in Mclean County, Kentucky on May 16, 1928, a daughter of Henry and Erman Girvin Howard. Her formative years were spent in Livermore, Kentucky, and she graduated from Livermore High School in 1946.

On June 22, 1946 she was married in Owensboro, Kentucky to Stuart L. Petrie. The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Mclean County, and moved to this area in 1969.

She had been employed at Lincoln Food Service in Fort Wayne for 20 years, retiring from there in 1994.

The surviving relatives include her husband Stuart L. Petrie, to whom she was married 56 years; a daughter and son-in-law Debbie and Johnathan Arehart of Churubusco; three sons and two daughters-in-law Keith Petrie of LaGrange, Gerald and Ann Petrie of Fort Wayne, and John S. and Cathy Petrie of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law Bob and Ora Mae Girvin of Mclean Co., Ky; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday at the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Nancy Fergusson, pastor of Green Center United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association, or the American Lung Association.

Wayne Potter

LAKELAND, FL – Wayne E. Potter, 78, died Saturday July 27, 2002 at the VA Hospital in Tampa, FL.

He was born in Huntertown. He retired from City Service Oil Company after 29 years of service. He was a member of Crystal Lake Methodist Church of Lakeland, FL and a U. S. Army Veteran. "Wayne was a devoted and caring husband."

Survivors include his wife, Nena of Lakeland, FL; several nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents, Elroy and Ida; a brother, Walter; a sister, Bertha Ravenscroft.

Services were Friday, August 2, 2002 at McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Military rites conducted by the U. S. Army.

Burial was in Huntertown Cemetery. Preffered memorials are to American Cancer Society.

Larry E. Abel

FORT WAYNE – Larry E. Abel, 62, died Friday at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

He was born in Fort Wayne. He retired in 1990 from the Fort Wayne Police Department. He had also worked at Tomkins Industries in Albion for 11 years. He was a U. S. Air Force Veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn; three daughters, Renee Hodgin, Jodi Graber and Kristina Abel, all of Fort Wayne; three stepsons, Gary Vandeputte, Jr. of Columbia City, Jeff Vandeputte of Pierceton and Greg Vandeputte of Huntington; a brother, Roger of Columbia City; his father, Vernon Abel of Albion; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were held at Covington Funeral Home on Tuesday, August 6, 2002 with Masonic services by Albion Lodge 97. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens. Memorials are to donor's choice.

Beatrice McCormick

LIGONIER — Beatrice M. McCormick, 92, died Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002, at Kingston of Ligonier.

Mrs. McCormick was a resident of the Ligonier area since 1949, coming from Chicago. Before retiring she was employed by Wirk Garment, Kroger and Monsanto, all in Ligonier. She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, the Ligonier Eagles Auxiliary and the Noble County Democratic Women's Organization. She enjoyed playing canasta and taking bus trips.

She was born June 2, 1910, in Chicago to Herman and Rose (Hagen) Paschke. She married Arnold McCormick, who preceded her in death in 1975.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Karen Branham of Ligonier; a daughter, Charlene Gehring of Ligonier; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Michael Heinbaugh of Ligonier United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 3-7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

John Frey

TOPEKA — John William Frey, 79, died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, at home after an extended illness.

The lifetime area resident was a farmer and carpenter and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born March 30, 1923, in LaGrange County to Daniel D. M. and Elizabeth (Miller) Frey. He married Ida Mae Hostetler Oct. 25, 1945. She survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are six sons and four daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Joan Frey and Maynard Frey, all of Goshen, Leonard and Erma Frey of Topeka, Elvie and Clara Frey of Shipshewana, Mahlon and Denise Frey of Ligonier and Dan Frey of LaGrange; a daughter and son-in-law, Lizzie Ellen and Wilbur Wingard of Topeka; 22 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Additional survivors include a brother, Daniel Frey of Downing, Mo.; and four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Anna Miller of Ligonier, Mary Ellen and Abe Bontrager of Shipshewana and Barbara and Omer Lambright and Elizabeth and Arthur Hochstetler, all of Topeka.

Two brothers, a sister and a grandson preceded him in death.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family home, 11155N C.R. 700W—57, Topeka, with Bishop Alvin Lambright and home minister Howard Miller officiating. Burial will be at Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka. Pallbearers will be LeRoy Lambright, Roy Mast, Wilbur Otto and Delbert Fry.

Calling is after 6 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family home.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

George Gause

COLUMBIA CITY — George Gause, 80, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, at his Crooked Lake home.

The resident of rural Columbia City at Tri-Lakes was a former resident of LaOtto.

Among survivors are a daughter and son-in-law, Beth and John Sollazzo of Crooked Lake.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@aheetsfuneralhome.com.

Joseph Beeber

FORT WAYNE — Joseph E. Beeber, 66, died Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

The Garrett native retired in 1994 as a foreman at Dana Corp. Gear Division, Fort Wayne, and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

His first wife, Judy Beeber, preceded him in death in 1982.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Beeber; a daughter, Beth Montemurro of St. Louis; a son, Brad Beeber of Cape Coral, Fla.; two stepsons, Brad Stevens of Hamilton Lake and Brian Stevens of San Jose, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Marilyn Petersen of Fort Wayne and Millie Farquhar of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a brother, Tom Beeber of Adams Lake; three sisters, Mary Ruth and Naomi Beeber, both of Auburn, and Janice Kappel of Garrett; and 16 grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Friday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside honors by American Legion Post 49.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Covington Memorial Funeral Home and noon-1 p.m. Friday at the church. A rosary will be said at 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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Sturgill Holliday

ROME CITY — Sturgill Holliday, 66, died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, in the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room, Kendallville.

Mr. Holliday worked construction for the last three years and delivered motor homes for Gulf Stream Coach in Nappanee. He was a member of Eagles Fraternal Order 985, Kendallville.

He was born Feb. 16, 1936, in Hazard, Ky., to Amos and Nora (Combs) Holliday. He married Lori Mosley in Hindman, Ky., Feb. 3, 1961. She preceded him in death.

A sister, Fran Stanley, and two grandchildren also preceded him in death.

Mr. Holliday

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Mike and Cathy Holliday of Wolcottville, Chris Holliday and his companion, Susan High, and Mickey Holliday and his companion, Robyn Funk, all of Kendallville; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Beverly and Duane Trammel and Lisa and Danny Fugate, all of Rome City, Marcella and Terry Gillian, Teresa and Larry Criswell, and Kim Holliday and Erik Keck all of Wolcottville; 16 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Also surviving are three brothers, Alvin and Barry Holliday, both of Indianapolis, and Amos Holliday Jr. of Tennessee; and five sisters, Polly Long, Amy Gann and Lola Holliday, all of Tennessee, Ann Bingham of North Carolina, and Allie Slayback of Franklin.

Services are 11 a.m. Sunday at Rock of Ages Church, Rome City. Pastor Alonzo Mosley will officiate. Burial is in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is after 5 p.m. today and all day Saturday at the church, where there will be a 6 p.m. service Saturday.

Arrangements are by Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

George Gause

COLUMBIA CITY — George Gause, 79, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, at his Crooked Lake Home.

Mr. Gause spent his formative years on the family farm east of Churubusco, and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1941. He spent his adult life on a farm west of LaOtto, and lived near Churubusco for eight years until moving to Crooked Lake in 1999. He worked at the LaOtto Grain Elevator as a young man, and was later employed at International Harvester. He also farmed, and retired in 1989 as a Teamster's Local 414 truck driver at Hawk Construction in Fort Wayne. He was a member of Huntertown Lodge 689, F&AM, and Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136.

Mr. Gause

He was born Jan. 10, 1923, in Eel River Township, Allen County, to Pearl and Dorothy (Geiger) Gause. He married Martha Blotkamp June 16, 1945. She preceded him in death March 14, 1949. He married Shirley Cook Sept. 30, 1950.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beth and John Sollazzo of Crooked Lake; a twin sister and brother-in-law, Grace and George Jones of Azle, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Murray and Trella Gause of Van Wert, Ohio; his former wife, Shirley Moody of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Todd Esquisel of Indianapolis, and Sommer Harris and her husband, Tom Harris, of Columbia City.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Larry Paul Gause, in 1958, and a brother, Burl Gause, in 1970.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, will officiate. Interment is at Fairview Cemetery northwest of Huntertown.

Calling is at the funeral home 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday and 1-2 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to the Whitley County Council on Aging, Columbia City.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com .

Donald Reinhart

TOPEKA — Donald Clark Reinhart, 55, died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, at home

Mr. Reinhart worked as a custodian for the post office and several other businesses in the Topeka area.

He was born in Hammond Oct. 2, 1946, to Edward Paul and Bonnie Ray (Hensley) Reinhart.

Surviving are a daughter, Laura Ranae Mishler of Nappanee; a brother, Jeff Reinhart of Connecticut; a granddaughter, Faith Rose Mishler of Nappanee; and several nieces and nephews.

There are no services or visitation.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Rev. Kenneth Napier

KENDALLVILLE — The Rev. Kenneth Napier died Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002.

Rev. Napier was a former resident of Kendallville and pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Kendallville.

Cremation is planned.

A memorial service will be held in Kendallville at a later date, according to Rev. Stan Kessler, current pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

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Betty Wade

LOGAN, OHIO — Betty M. Wade, 79, died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, in the hospital in Lancaster, Ohio, following a lengthy illness.

She lived most of her life in the Berwind and Canebrake, W. Va., areas, and was a member of the Canebrake Freewill Baptist Church.

In Steinbeck, W. Va., she was born to Dewey E. and Lena Jane Holcomb Kirby Witten.

Surviving are six daughters and four sons-in-law, Brenda and Frank Swank of Logan, Ohio, Mary Jane and Bill Tritt of Westerville, Ohio, Barbara Benton and Ginger and Michael Snook, all of Goshen, Bonnie and Ken Woody of Albion, and Evelyn Krotzer and Duane Smith of Kendallville; a son, Larry A. Wade of Brimfield; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Wade of Kendallville; a son-in-law, John Sheets of Kendallville; a sisterand brother-in-law, Edith Lula and Leonard Bradley of Glen Alpine, N.C.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dewey E. Jr. and Barbara Kirby of Glen Alpine and James Dean and Mary Jo Witten of Baltimore, Md.; 32 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Lewis Edward Wade Sr.; a daughter, Betty Gaye Sheets; four sons, Lewis Edward, Ronald Lynn, Donald Glenn, and Richard Allan Wade; one sister, Mary Elizabeth Altizor' her stepfather, Trix Albert Witten; and her stepmother, Sylvia Katherine Kirby.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Canebrake Freewill Baptist Church, Canebrake. The Revs. Dwight Eads and Darrell Long will officiate. Internment will be at Hartwell Cemetery, Hartwell, W.Va.

Calling is after 5 p.m. today at Canebrake Freewill Baptist Church, Canebrake.

Pallbearers will be Wiley Sheets, Ken Woody, Frank Swank, Bill Tritt, Michael Snook and Larry Wade.

Arrangements are by Hurst-Scott Funeral Home, Richlands, Va.

Simon Herschberger

MIDDLEBURY — Simon J. "Si" Herschberger, 77, died Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, at home in rural Middlebury. He had been in ill health for two years.

Mr. Herschberger had lived at his present home since 1998 and in Middlebury since 1956. He was a trucker and excavator. He served on the Elkhart County Fair Board for 25 years and was president of the fair one year. He was involved in many horse-related activities. He was a member of First Mennonite Church, Middlebury, and the Crystal Valley Exchange Club.

He was born July 14, 1925, in Miami County to Joe E. and Lovina (Gingerich) Herschberger. He married Edith Troyer May 8, 1954, in Middlebury. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Tami and Andy Gangwer of Nappanee and Kathy and Tim Miller of Naubinway, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Ann Herschberger and Kirby and Carla Herschberger; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Fannie and Leo Yoder of Kalona, Iowa, Lizzie Bontrager, Tillie and Mose Bontrager and Rosa and Andy Herschberger, all of Kokomo, and Clara and Andy Yoder of Amboy; and nine grandchildren.

A sister, Mary, preceded him in death.

Memorial services are 2:30 p.m. Saturday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury. The Rev. Lyn Ford Martin will officiate. Burial will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Grace Lawn, Middlebury.

Calling is 6-8 p.m. Friday and 3-8 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Lynn Miller

LAGRANGE — Lynn A. Miller, 72, died Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, at Life Care Center, LaGrange.

He was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County, a retired welder from International Harvester, Fort Wayne, and a member of Woodruff Grove Methodist Church.

He was born Oct. 5, 1929, in Wolcottville to Ralph C. and Geraldine (Rowe) Miller. He married A. Martha Magginnis Oct. 6, 1950, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Harvey Stidham of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Terry L. and Debra Miller of Howe, and Tommy D. and Christina Miller of LaGrange; two brothers, Wayne Miller of LaGrange, and Wally Miller of Denver, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. The Rev. Richard Frederick will officiate. Burial is in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

ilip Helmer

AVILLA — Philip C. Helmer, 77, died day, Aug. 9, 2002, at Parkview Noble spital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral me, Avilla.

The following obituary is being reprinted to rrect errors. The News-Sun regrets the errors.

turgill Holliday

Mr. Holliday

ROME CITY — Sturgill olliday, 66, died Wednesday, ug. 7, 2002, in the Parkview oble Hospital emergency om, Kendallville.

Mr. Holliday worked in nstruction. For the last three ears he delivered motor omes for Gulf Stream Coach Nappanee. He was a member of Eagles raternal Order 985, Kendallville.

He was born Feb. 16, 1936, in Hazard, Ky., Amos and Nora (Combs) Holliday.

He married Lorie Mosley in Hindman, Ky., Feb. 3, 1961. She survives.

Surviving with his wife are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Mike and Cathy Holliday of Wolcottville, Chris Holliday and his companion, Susan High, and Mickey Holliday and his companion, Robyn Funk, all of Kendallville; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Beverly and Duane Trammel and Lisa and Danny Fugate, all of Rome City, Marcella and Terry Gillian, Teresa and Larry Criswell, and Kim Holliday and Erik Keck, all of Wolcottville; 16 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Also surviving are three brothers, Alvin an Barry Holliday, both of Indianapolis, and Amos Holliday Jr. of Tennessee; and five sisters, Polly Long, Amy Gann and Lola Holliday, all of Tennessee, Ann Bingham of North Carolina, and Allie Slayback of Franklin.

A sister, Fran Stanley, and two grandchildren preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Sunday at Rock of Ages Church, Rome City. Pastor Alonzo Mosley will officiate. Burial is in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is all day today at the church, where here will be a 6 p.m. service tonight.

Arrangements are by Hutchins Funeral ome, Wolcottville.

Services Held

KIMMELL — Funeral services for **Felix Howard Waggoner**, 73, of Kimmell and formerly of Fort Wayne, were held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with William Hughes officiating. Burial was in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Pallbearers were Rick, Larry and Mike Waggoner, Jimm and Jimmy Nidlinger and Gene Elza. Honorary pallbearers were Cody and Christian Nidlinger and James and Jimmy Waggoner.

LIGONIER — Funeral services for **Vira "Vi" M. Wilson**, 90, of Ligonier, were held Friday at 2 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Titus Speicher officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Pallbearers were family members.

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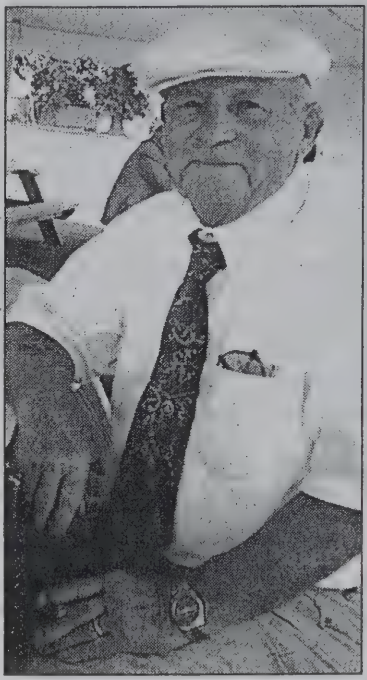
Berlen Diehm, taxidermist founder of Diehm Museum



Mr. Diehm

ALBION — Berlen H. Diehm, 88, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at 9:45 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital of Kendallville.

Mr. Diehm was a taxidermist for 70 years. Schools came to tour the taxidermy shop in his home.

In 1965, he founded the Jack D. Diehm Museum of Natural History in Franke Park at Fort Wayne.

An employee of International Harvester Co. for 30 years, he retired in 1960.

He was a member of the Summit City Lodge 170, Scottish Rite (32nd degree) and Mizpah Temple. He was a lifetime member of A.M.A. and the Fort Wayne Aviation Museum and a charter member of DeMolay. He was a member of the O.X.S. Club, a charter member of Hoosier Flying Club, and an honorary lifetime member of Fort Wayne Artists Guild. He was a licensed pilot for 74 years.

He also was a professional boxer and motorcycle racer.

He was born Aug. 22, 1913, in Fort Wayne and lived there for 58 years. He had been a resident of Albion for 30 years.

His first wife, Violet M. (Fanger), was a co-founder of the Jack D. Diehm museum. She preceded him in death in 1989.

He married Madaline Pound in 1991. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Virginia Taylor of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Jennie Schmidlin, Voneta Stemen and Madiline Hawk, all of Fort Wayne; four stepchildren, Cindy Leatherman, Joe Pounds, and Tenel Bonar, all of Albion, and Scott Pounds of Cromwell; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

One son, Jack, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. Entombment will be at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jack D. Diehm Museum of Natural History.

Janet Aronson

TOPEKA — Janet E. Aronson, 60, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at 6 p.m. in her residence following an illness of five months.

Mrs. Aronson was employed at NISCO in Topeka. She enjoyed bingo and spending time with her grandchildren. She had been a resident of Topeka since 1971 after moving from California.

She was born on May 10, 1942, in Howe to Chauncy and Henrietta (Ache) Burkhead.

She married Mike Aronson on May 10, 1962, in Las Vegas, Nev. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Penny and Sherman Shrock of Ligonier and Vikki and Gary McDowell of Albion; two brothers, Walter Burkhead of LaGrange and Tom Bowies of Florida; a half-brother, Charles Molsen of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two stepbrothers, Floyd LeCount of Nappanee and Larry LeCount of Goshen; three half-sisters, Sandra Stewart of Mongo, Linda Pierson of LaGrange and Romona Burch of Union, Mich.; three stepsisters, Helen LeCount of LaGrange, Shelly Burkhead of Union, Mich. and Sandra Mahler of Mongo; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mike.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at Maple Grove Church in Topeka. The Rev. Gene Troyer will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Calling is at the church, two hours prior to the funeral service.

Memorials are to the Cancer Center of America in Goshen.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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Philip Helmer

AVILLA — Philip C. Helmer, 77, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at 5:25 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital of Kendallville.

Mr. Helmer

Mr. Helmer was a lifetime farmer. He retired from Stanadyne in Garrett in 1989 after 20 years of service. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, American Legion Post 240 of Avilla, and the Knights of Columbus in Garrett. He was a World War II Army veteran and graduated from Avilla High School in 1942.

He was born Sept. 30, 1924, in his home in Avilla to Charles and Mary I. (Demske) Helmer.

He married Wilma M. Fischer in St. Mary's Catholic Church on May 6, 1950. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Jeffrey Hicov of Auburn; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Tony Helmer and David and Cindy Helmer, all of Avilla; three sisters, LaRoma Slater and JoAnn Campbell, both of Fort Wayne, and Rita Pera of New York; one brother, James Helmer of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, David Helmer Jr., Sarah Forker, Jeffrey Hicov Jr., Anna Hicov, Jessica Hicov, Cindy Arnold, Matt Helmer and Christina Helmer; and four great-grandchildren, Kyle Forker, Bailee Helmer, and Brittney and Bryce Arnold.

Mr. Helmer was preceded in death by one sister, Pat Helmkamp; two brothers, Virgil and Dale Helmer; and one half-sister, Geraldine Meyer.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Daniel Durkin will officiate.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. A graveside military service will be conducted by American Legion Post 240.

A rosary service will begin at 7 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Doris Shultz

WATERLOO — Doris May Shultz, 81, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shultz was a bookkeeper for Glenmore's Store in Waterloo, retiring in 1975. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Auburn, RSVP, and the Franklin Township Home Economics Club.

She was born May 27, 1921, in Waterloo to Isaac E. and Helen (Rohm) Johnson.

She married Glen E. Shultz on Sept. 7, 1940. He preceded her in death on July 30, 1985.

Surviving are two sons, Marion Shultz of Waterloo and Barry Shultz of Hubbard, Ohio; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Mark Shultz; two brothers, Wayne and Paul Johnson; two sisters, Lois Shipe and Naomi Schlosser; and one grandson, Marion E. Shultz Jr.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Dr. Robert Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

William Greasby

COLUMBIA CITY — William G. Greasby, 84, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Greasby retired in 1980 after serving 40 years as regional sales manager for the Lehigh Valley and Conrail railroads. He was a member of Angola Elks Lodge 2398.

He was born Sept. 9, 1917, in Milwaukee, Wis. to Albert Greasby Sr. and Minnie (Wangerin) Greasby.

He married Marguerite A. White on April 16, 1942, in Milwaukee. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne and Mayo Sanders of Fremont and Jane and Basil Kio of Boonton, NJ; one sister, Ruth Bresler of Milwaukee; one brother, Albert Greasby Jr. of Milwaukee; one half-sister, Mildred Just of Milwaukee; two grandchildren, Sally Mulvey of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Christopher Sanders of Fremont; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a half-sister, Lucille Wright.

A graveside memorial service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Lakeside Cemetery at Fremont. The Rev. David Yaw will officiate.

Memorials are to Northeastern Lodge 210 F & AM, P.O. Box 294, Fremont IN 46737.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

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Sheldon Hine

FORT WAYNE — Sheldon Horatio Hine, 95, died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, at 10:45 p.m. at University Park Nursing Center.

Mr. Hine was the inventor of the Hine Light and was a photographer and illustrator for Lincoln Life Insurance Co. for 15 years. He was a Sagamore of the Wabash and also a World War II veteran.

He was born Jan. 25, 1907, in Toledo, Ohio, to Horatio Sheldon and Maude (Warner) Hine.

His wife, Gertrude "Trudy" (Snyder), preceded him in death.

Surviving are one sister, Kitty Catherine Hause of Arnold, Mo.; one nephew, Steven Hause of St. Louis, Mo.; one cousin, Howard Hine of Waterloo; and a friend, Betty Van Every of Fort Wayne.

A graveside service will be held Friday, Aug. 23, at 3:30 p.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Homebound Meals Inc., 611 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne IN 46802.

Edna Leamon

KENDALLVILLE — Edna B. Leamon, 90, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at Heartland Health Center, Three Rivers, Mich.

Mrs. Leamon had been a Sturgis, Mich., area resident for the last five years, and lived most of her life in the Kendallville area. She had been employed at Freeman Manufacturing, Sturgis, for many years. Before retiring from the Monsano Co., Ligonier, she worked and did alterations for Seger's department store and Tribbetts Women's Apparel, both in Sturgis. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

She was born June 4, 1912, in Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, to Jacob and Lottie (Kanafel) Hougendobler. In 1931 she married Albert Leamon in Whitley County. He preceded her in death May 23, 1978.

Also preceding her in death was a daughter, Marjorie Lynch.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Elmer Conner of Sturgis; a son, Albert Leamon Jr. of Kendallville; two sisters, Lucille Shew of Columbia City and Ilene McNeil of Decatur; 11 grandchildren, Terry, Dennis, Craig and Kevin Conner, Sharon Conner-Todd, Scott and Jeff Leamon, Alyssa Sanford and Deb, Lynn and Mike Lynch; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 1 p.m. northeast Indiana time Tuesday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis, Mich. The Rev. Joe Fralick will officiate. Graveside committal services follow at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. northeast Indiana time at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Sturgis Wesleyan Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.Legacy.com.

Katie Beechy

TOPEKA — Katie M. Beechy, 80, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, at her rural Topeka home.

The lifetime LaGrange County resident was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Feb. 25, 1922, in LaGrange County to Manas and Mary (Christener) Hochstetler. She married John M. Beechy Dec. 23, 1943, in LaGrange County. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and David Miller of Topeka; four sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Emma Beechy, Elmer and Wilma Beechy and Amos and Lorene Beechy, all of Shipshewana, and Melvin and Barbara Beechy of Topeka; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Lydia Mae and Ervin Lehman and Rosa and William Hochstetler, all of LaGrange, and Edna Miller of Millersburg; 22 grandchildren; and 48 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Ada Graber, in 1990, and a grandchild.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family home, 4410W — C.R. 350S, Topeka. Bishop Perry Lehman and ministers Floyd Lehman and Orla Miller will officiate. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Calling is after 5 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family home.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for **Beatrice M. McCormick** were 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiated.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Pallbearers were Dave and Jeremy Swank, John and Daniel Rittenberry, Shannan Kathary and Randy Maynard.

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Edward Maxwell

FORT WAYNE — Edward G. Maxwell, 66, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was owner of Allen Pattern Works in Fort Wayne, and a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Amateur Trap Shooting Association, St. Joe Conservation Club, St. Joe, and the American Foundryman Society Northern Indiana Chapter. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association, a former Boy Scout leader for Troop 103, Kendallville, and a former member of the Shoaff Lions Club, Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 1, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Lawrence and Dorothy (Roy) Maxwell. His mother survives in Kendallville. In Kendallville July 20, 1957, he married Phyllis Smith. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Skip Rash of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Joel and Teresa Maxwell and Matt and Debbie Maxwell, all of Fort Wayne, and Dan and Karen Maxwell of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Lois Maxwell of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Gene Slone of Warsaw; five grandchildren, Jennifer Davis of Muncie, Alex Maxwell of Kendallville and Nicholas, Madison and Jarod Maxwell, all of Fort Wayne; and three stepgrandchildren, Michaelie Chadwell of Marion, Brian Rash of Indianapolis, and Michael Zagtmeyer of Fort Wayne.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. The Rev. Paul B. Griebel will officiate. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, Lafayette Street, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be emailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com

M. Katherine Hasselman

KENDALLVILLE — M. Katherine Hasselman, 84, of Kendallville, died at 4:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, in Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

On Sept. 4, 1917, in Kendallville, she was born to Claude T. and Nellie M. (Waldron) Smith. She married Carl W. Hasselman in Corunna on March 12, 1937. He preceded her in death on April 8, 1997.

She was a lifetime area resident, a homemaker and Kendallville High School graduate. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, and the Zion Lutheran Church Ladies Aid.

Mrs. Hasselman

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Terri Hasselman of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Howard Hodge of Wolcottville and Kathy and Patrick Young of Kendallville; four brothers, Charles "Bud" Smith of Kendallville, James Smith of Fort Wayne, Robert Smith of Largo, Fla., and Bill Smith of Columbia City; five grandchildren with four spouses, Daniel Hasselman, Steven and Karen Hodge, Matthew and Amy Hasselman, Adam and Stephanie Young, and Beth and Donald Mosley; and nine great-grandchildren, Melissa, Brian and Joseph Hodge, Dakoyta Hasselman, Lane Hasselman, Leanne and Carl Young, and Matthew and Mark Mosley.

A sister, Arcille Skelly, and two brothers, Lauren and Harold Smith, preceded her in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, with the Rev. Dr. Kent R. Hunter and the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church or the Church Growth Center.

Modelle Ramer

KENDALLVILLE — Modelle F. Ramer, 92, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, in Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

She was a member of the Brimfield United Methodist Church and worked at the Lutheran Home in Kendallville.

She was born July 10, 1910, to Newton and Mattie (Loveridge) McDonald near Wawaka. She married Merle Ben Ramer April 16, 1927, in Brimfield. He preceded her in death in August 1981.

Also preceding her in death were two daughters, Sandra Sweeney and Carol Lee Ramer; four brothers, Lee, Don, Charles "Chick" and Orange McDonald; and four sisters, Rosalie Wood, Gladys Abbott, Doris McCally and Edith Rice.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Marsha Ramer and G. Dean and Donna Ramer, all of Kendallville, and Russell and Donna Ramer of The Villages, Fla.; two daughters, Helen Kukutsis of Kendallville, and Dorothy Pimanis of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Evelyn McDonald of Albion; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Michael Neff, Brimfield United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be emailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com

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ohn C.F. Walker III

HAMILTON — John C.F. Wker III, 78, died Friday, Aug. 9, 202, at his home from natural cases.

Mr. Walker retired in 1989 as an eltrical engineer after working 23 yers for North American Philips in Ft Wayne.

Before moving to Fort Wayne in 17, he worked eit years at Nional Cash Rgister Co. in Dyton, Ohio. He hd patents for psphorus postage stnp tagging digns used in air nil letter sorting, al other design patents.

Mr. Walker

He worked at Haller, Raymond al Brown in State College, Pa., in tl early 1950s, designing and blding vacuum tube computers ud in research and development f the defense department.

He was a meteorologist in the Amy Air Force during World War I as a lieutenant stationed in Agiers.

Mr. Walker was a member of the Frst Presbyterian Church, Tau Beta I Sigma Tau, Delta Chi, and the umni Association of the lifornia Institute of Technology.

He graduated from high school Bartlesville, Okla. in 1941. He rned a bachelor of science degree electrical engineering from klahoma University and a masr's degree in meteorology from e California Institute of chnology. He did graduate work electrical engineering at Penn ate University.

He was born Oct. 29, 1923, in El orado, Kan., to John C.F Walker and Edith E. (Lindquist) Walker. is father was listed in Who's Who Chemistry and American Men of cience as the inventor of a process or the synthesis of formaldehyde, ethanol and similar substances by e oxidation of natural gas hydroarbons. His father retired in 1958 s director of research at City ervice Petroleum.

He married Mary Louise Dufford on Oct. 20, 1944, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John C.F. Walker IV of Boulder, Colo., and Frederick C. Walker of Hamilton; one daughter, Judy Louise Walker of Stevensville, Mich.; and one sister, Marilyn Walker of Bridgman, Mich.

One brother, William F. Walker, preceded him in death.

Private family memorial services will be held in St. Joseph, Mich.

Memorials are to the Boy Scouts of America.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Walter Hamlin

WOLCOTTVILLE — Walter I. Hamlin, 69, died at 10:18 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, in the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Clair Williams

GREENFIELD — Clair J. Williams, 67, of Greenfield, formerly of Churubusco, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, at Community Hospital East, Indianapolis. He had been ill the last month.

Mr. Williams spent his formative years in Fort Wayne and attended North Side High School. He was a delivery driver for Boise Cascade in Indianapolis and drove for Thrifty Delivery and L.S. Ayres when he lived in Fort Wayne.

He was the son of Clair and Goldie (Axson) Williams. He married Onda Tulley Oct. 5, 1974, in Churubusco. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Rodney Williams of Findlay, Ohio, and Brian Williams of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Scott Tulley of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Tammy Tulley of South Milford; a brother, James Nitz of Fort Wayne; a sister, Grace Favory of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

A brother, George Williams, preceded him in death in 1989.

There are no services. Cremation will following the calling hours. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne, at a later date.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be emailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com

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Mary Wickliffe

KIMMELL — Mary Emily Burnadette "Burnie" Wickliffe, 86, of Knapp Lake, Kimmell, died at 10:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, at Oak Leaf Village, Ligonier.

She has lived at Knapp Lake for over 45 years, and worked as an inspector for Lyall Electric for over 30 years. She spent many hours knitting, crocheting and making crafts. In her early years, she played guitar and was a member of a band.

She was born July 19, 1916, in Fort Wayne to William John and Sarah Rebecca (Miller) Adams.

Surviving are a son, Larry Warner Wickliffe of Harlan; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

A brother and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services are noon Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Jimmy Shepherd will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling is 10 a.m.-noon Thursday at the funeral home.

Frank Treesh

ALBION — Frank G. "Uncle Frank" Treesh, 72, died at 1:06 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, at home.

Mr. Treesh moved from Kansas to Albion this year, and was a retired Catholic Brother.

He was born June 3, 1930, in Brazoria, Texas, to Harvey and Kathleen (Simpson) Treesh.

Surviving is a sister, Bessie Mae LeCompte of Danbury, Texas. He is also survived by his special friends, the James C. Schultis family of Albion.

A sister, Betty Buchanan, and a brother, Harvey Treesh, preceded him in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Nappanee, with the Rev. Peter Scott officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Rosary services are 7 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling 5 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses to the church.

Walter Hamlin

WOLCOTTVILLE — Walter L. Hamlin, 69, died at 10:18 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, in the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room, Kendallville.

Mr. Hamlin

Mr. Hamlin had lived in Wolcottville since 1949, having moved from Bloomfield. He was a pattern maker and secretary/treasurer of Morr Pattern & Tool in Kendallville, and retired from the Auburn Foundry pattern shop July 28, 1995. He was a former member of Gideons International, a former Big Brother in the 1970s, and a veteran of the U.S. Navy in the Korean War.

He was born March 8, 1933, in Bloomfield to Marcus B. and Leslie (Pafford) Hamlin. He married Jacqueline Morr Feb. 6, 1953, in Waterloo. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, W. Vance and Phyllis Hamlin of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Mike Metz of LaGrange; "his girls" and their spouses, Cathy and Gale Shultz of South Milford and Melissa and Greg Dickerson of Wolcottville; 11 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Additional survivors include three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Phyllis Hamlin of Bloomfield, and Eugene and Maxine Hamlin and Argile and Marilyn Hamlin, all of Kendallville; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Frances Lafferty of Troy, Ky., Oneita and Donald Bailey of Lakeland, Fla., June Stackhouse and Beulah Morr, both of Kendallville, and Beatrice and John Douglass of South Milford.

A brother, Russell Hamlin, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Ellis Crum of the Church of Christ, Kendallville, and Vance Hamlin will officiate. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery, South Milford.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Samuel Obeng, c/o of the Church of Christ, The Wreck or Gideons.

Banner Kidd

KENDALLVILLE — Banner F. Kidd, 72, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002, at home.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Robert Hampshire

KENDALLVILLE — Robert F. Hampshire, 73, of Kendallville, died at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Oscar Kline

LIGONIER — Oscar E. Kline, 75, died at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002, at his daughter's home in Cromwell.

Mr. Kline retired in 1992 from Curto-Ligonier Foundries and attended meetings at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses Cromwell Hall. He enjoyed racing stock cars, playing the guitar, cards and fishing.

He was born March 17, 1927, in Noble County to Carl and Lola (Miller) Kline. He married Marguerite I. Randol Nov. 2, 1945, in Kendallville. She preceded him in death Nov. 26, 1994. He married Helen Kline in May 1995. She survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Connie Parsons and Karen and Charles Anglin, all of Cromwell; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Calvin and Julie Kline of Syracuse, and Randy Kline and Rick and Patty Kline, all of Elkhart; three sisters, Josephine Becker and Barbara Owsley, both of Wolcottville, and Patricia Scofield of Sturgis, Mich.; two brothers, Raymond Kline of Brimfield and Franklin Kline of Plato; 18 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Kenneth Kline, in November 1997, and two brothers, Carl Lee and Billy Ray Kline.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial is in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Berlen Diehm

ALBION–Berlen H. Diehm, 88, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at 9:45 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital of Kendallville.

Mr. Diehm was a taxidermist for 70 years. Schools came to tour the taxidermy shop in his home.

In 1965, he founded the Jack D. Diehm Museum of Natural History in Franke Park at Fort Wayne.

An employee of International Harvester Co. for 30 years, he retired in 1960.

He was a member of the Summit City Lodge 170, Scottish Rite (32nd degree) and Mizpah Temple. He was a lifetime member of A. M. A. and the Fort Wayne Aviation Museum and a charter member of DeMolay. He was a member of the O. X. S. Club, a charter member of Hoosier Flying Club, and an honorary lifetime member of Fort Wayne Artists Guild. He was a licensed pilot for 74 years.

He also was a professional boxer and motorcycle racer.

He was born August 22, 1913, in Fort Wayne and lived there for 58 years. He had been a resident of Albion for 30 years.

His first wife, Violet M. (Fanger), was a co-founder of the Jack D. Diehm museum. She preceded him in death in 1989.

He married Madaline Pounds in 1991. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Virginia Taylor of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Jennie Schmidlin, Voneta Steman and Madiline Hawk, all of Fort Wayne; four stepchildren, Cindy Leatherman, Joe Pounds, and Tenel Bonar, all of Albion, and Scott Pounds of Cromwell; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

One son, Jack, preceded him in death.

Services were held Wednesday, August 14, 2002 in Tom Mungovan Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Entombment was at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Jack D. Diehm Museum of Natural History.

Frank G. "Uncle Frank" Treesh

ALBION–Frank G. "Uncle Frank" Treesh, 72, died on Sunday, August 11, 2002 at 1:06 a.m. at his residence.

He was born on June 3, 1930 in Brazoria, TX to Harvey and Kathleen (Simpson) Treesh both deceased.

He was a retired Catholic Brother. Mr. Treesh had moved from Kansas to Albion in May 2002.

Surviving are one sister, Bessie Mae LeCompte of Danbury Texas, and his special friends the James C. Schultis family of Albion.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Betty Buchanan and one brother, Harvey Treesh.

His funeral will be held on Friday, August 16, 2002 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Nappanee with Rev. Peter Scott officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Visitation will be on Thursday, August 15, 2002 from 5-8 pm at the Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. A Rosary Service will be held at the funeral home at 7:30 pm on Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to the masses to the church.

Banner Kidd

KENDALLVILLE — Banner Kidd, 72, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002, at his residence.

On Dec. 1, 1929, in Prater Creek, Floyd County, Ky., he was orn to William Greenbury and Hulda (Mulkey) Kidd. He married Verleen Akers on Nov. 15, 1951, in Prestonsburg, Ky. She survives.

Mr. Kidd was a coal miner in entucky in his earlier years and so worked at Kendallville astings from 1975 to 1994.

He was a member of the Little ossie Old Regular Baptist Church Lisbon.

Surviving in addition to his wife e three sons and two daughters--law, Banner Jr. and Karen Kidd South Milford, Rocky and Maria dd, and Joe Kidd, all of Chicago; ree daughters and sons-in-law, nda and Darron Burkett of endallville, Karen and Steven rown of Orland, and Jane and ames Beardsley of Hudson; four rothers and sisters-in-law, Dennis nd Alpha Kidd, and Clarence dward and Sheila Kidd, all of rater, Ky., Bert and Sandy Kidd, nd William "Bill" and Betty kers, all of Lorain, Ohio; four sis-rs, Lovean Rose and Bertha oyd, both of Prater, Ky., Oma erril of Ypsilanti, Mich., and laudie Peterson of Eugene, Ore.; grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A stepmother, Rena Boyd, four rothers and a sister preceded him death.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at ittle Flossie Old Regular Baptist hurch in Lisbon with Morris icker officiating. Burial is in pringfield Township Cemetery orth of Mongo.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. day at Hite Funeral Home, endallville, and anytime after 4 m. Friday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to ideons International.

Condolences may be sent to: mpathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Robert Hampshire

KENDALLVILLE — Robert F. Hampshire, 73, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

On Jan. 26, 1929, in Ray in Steuben County, he was born to George and Constance (Browand) Hampshire.

He was a truck driver in the past and also worked in maintenance for Ligonier Rubber, retiring in 1991.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bryan and Riza Hampshire of Rome City, and Kevin Hampshire of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Ann and Gino Gibson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Arcille and George Workman of Kendallville, and Sandra and Forrest Campbell of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, R.D. and Jane Hampshire of Rome City; and four grandchildren.

His parents and a grandson, James, preceded him in death.

Services are 1 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Kane officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com

Judith Keenan

WOLCOTTVILLE — Judith L. Keenan, 49, of Wolcottville, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, at her residence.

On April 4, 1953, in Sturgis, Mich., she was born to Gene and Alice L. (King) Gage. On Nov. 2, 1974, in LaGrange, she married Kraig T. Keenan. He survives.

She was office manager for R. Wyatt Weaver, M.D., of Angola, and a former employee of Dean Mattox, M.D., of LaGrange.

Mrs. Keenan was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County, loved the theater, her lakefront home and her family.

Surviving in addition to her husband and mother are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kari and Aaron Reynolds of Frisco, Texas, and Erin Keenan of Indianapolis; three sisters and their husbands, Kathy and Philip Gallup of Fort Wayne, Connie and Jon Gochenaur of Granger, and Dr. Tracy and Lou Carmellini of West Chester, Pa.; a brother and sister-in-law, Steven and LuAnn Gage of LaGrange; and her stepfather, Garner Marvin of Howe.

Her father preceded her in death.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Gary Rifenburg officiating. Burial is in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alliance for Lung Cancer.

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Margaruite Okeley

LAGRANGE — Margaruite M. "Marge" Okeley, 78, of LaGrange, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On Sept. 8, 1923, in Coldwater, Mich., she was born to Frank and Hazel (Sharp) Rasler. They are deceased. She married Dale F. Okeley on Aug. 16, 1942, in Coldwater, Mich. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1992.

She was former owner of the House of Flowers in Wolcottville, and moved from Wolcottville to LaGrange in 1993.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Bill Bradwell-Pugh of South Bend; a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce A. and Sheila Okeley of Wolcottville; a half-brother, Harold Rasler of Coldwater, Mich.; four grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

Services are 7:30 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. David Tripp officiating. Burial is in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Rev. Milford Bell

BRADDOCK HEIGHTS, Md. — The Rev. Milford Bell, 94, of Braddock Heights, Md., and a former Immaculate Conception Catholic Church parish priest in Kendallville, died Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at Vindobona Nursing Home, Braddock Heights.

Born in Fort Wayne, he worked for Fort Wayne Printing Co. for 10 years and was ordained a priest in 1949 in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

He was parish priest in Kendallville in the 1960s before retiring in 1972.

Surviving are two nieces, Agnes Grunst of Holland, Mich., and Alice Campati of Fort Wayne; a nephew, Frank Fite of Fort Wayne; 19 great-nieces and great-nephews; and 34 great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Services were held in Maryland. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Petersville, Md.

Memorials are to Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 113 First Ave., Brunswick, MD 21716.

John T. Williams Funeral Home, Brunswick, was in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

AVILLA — Services for **Philip C. Helmer** wee held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating.

Pallbearers were Robert, Steve, Matt and David Helmer Jr., Josh Forker, Jeffery Hicov Jr., Eric Shaffer and Steve Arnold.

Military graveside servcies were held at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla, by American Legion Post 240, Avilla.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, was in charge of arrangements.

ROME CITY — Services for **Sturgill Holliday** were 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, at the Rock of Ages Church, Rome City. Pastor Alonzo Mosley officiated. Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Pallbearers were Mike, Chris and Mickey Holliday, Duane Trammel, Terry Gillian, Erik Keck, Danny Fugate and Larry Criswell.

Arrangements were by Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Harold Englert

AUBURN — Harold Lee Englert, 72, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002, at 12:32 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Englert served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, retiring in 1968. He served in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

He worked at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 16 years and Magnavox in Fort Wayne for five years, retiring in 1989. He lived in Auburn and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was born Sept. 19, 1929, in LaOtto to Charles S. and Hazel M. (Whan) Englert.

He married Constance DePew on Nov. 14, 1949, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Laura Englert of Fort Wayne; one daugh-er, Julia Ellert of Auburn; five grandchildren, Brandon and Brittney Ellert, and Lindsay, Colis and Kurt Englert; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by hree brothers, John, Edwin and Floyd Englert; and three sisters, Thelma Blakeslee, Orpha Andrigo and Marry Herendeen.

Services will be held Monday at :30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling after 8:30 .m. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Sunday from 3-7:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted unday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral ome.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or a charity of he donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to ympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Donald Woodward

GARRETT — Donald Lee Woodward, 72, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, at 2:36 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Woodward worked in maintenance for Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., retiring in 1983. He was a U.S. Army veteran , serving in the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Garrett American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a 50-year member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge. He was a lifelong Garrett resident.

He was born Feb. 3, 1930, in Kendallville to Buford N. and Golda A (Masten) Woodward. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are one son, Anthony Woodward of Greencastle; and two brothers, Robert J. Woodward and Harold Woodward, both of Garrett.

A brother, James Woodward, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with calling after noon. Pastor David Farling will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and VFW.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Jeffrey Woods

LAGRANGE — Jeffrey R. Woods, 57, died at 8:20 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Woods was a pattern maker at Indiana Marine Products, Angola, for 13 years, attended Calvary Chapel Fellowship, Stroh, and graduated from Manchester High School in 1963.

He was born May 4, 1945, in Worthington, Minn., to Robert F. and Maxyne (Erlandson) Woods. His father survives in North Manchester. His mother preceded him in death. He married Ronda G Price Jan. 26, 1991. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Riley N. Woods at home; a daughter, Molly K. Woods, at home; a brother, Daniel Woods of North Manchester; two sisters, Meri and Kent Garno of High Point, N.C., and Cristi and Ron Karg of North Manchester.

A brother also preceded him in death.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Manchester Church of the Brethren, North Manchester. Pastors Jeffrey Matas and Christen Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, and noon-1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Riley and Molly Woods c/o DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, 1401 S.R. 114W, North Manchester IN 46962.

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Robert Stillson

MANSFIELD, Ohio — Robert W. Stillson, 91, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002, at Mansfield Hospital, Mansfield, Ohio.

Mr. Stillson lived in Ligonier from 1956 to 2000, then moved to Mansfield to be close to his children. He was vice president of production for Lyon & Greenleaf, Ligonier, where he worked from 1956 until retiring in 1983. He was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church, and had been a member of the Ligonier Lions Club, Max Welton Country Club and Association of Operative Millers. He served two terms on the Ligonier City Council in the late 1950s and early 1960s. He co-authored a book on milling.

He was born June 25, 1911, in South Bend to Robert W. and Minnie A. (Pieplow) Stillson. He married Ferne L. Bender Nov. 15, 1933, in Nappanee. She preceded him in death March 12, 1999.

Two brothers, three sisters, three stepsisters and three stepbrothers also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Loretta and Don Berger of Mansfield and Nancy and Ronald Nocks of Westerville, Ohio; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Ligonier Presbyterian Church. The Rev. William Bernauer will officiate. Burial will be at South Union Cemetery, Nappanee.

Calling is 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Kenneth Easterday

SOUTH WHITLEY — Kenneth R. Easterday, 91, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, at home.

The Noble County native was a farmer. He had worked at Gripco Co., South Whitley, for eight years and the Whitley County Highway Department for 29 years.

Surviving are his wife, Eileen Easterday; two sons, Jack Easterday of Fort Wayne and Jerry Easterday of Huntington; four daughters, Bonnie Watson and Mary Ann Kinney, both of South Whitley, Belle Snyder of Fort Wayne and Diana Kramer of Columbia City; nine grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Max and Rex Easterday, preceded him in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Whitley Home Health & Hospice.

Steven Shannon

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Steven J. Shannon, 61, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002.

Mr. Shannon retired from the U.S. Army after receiving the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Civil Action Medal, Vietnam Civil Action Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Commendation Medal and Meritorious Service Medal. He was a member of Disabled American Veterans and the Retired Enlisted Men Association.

He was born April 13, 1941.

Surviving are a son, Steven Richard Shannon of Huntsville; three sisters, Charlotte Rossi of Middletown, Ohio, Irene Hawks of Wawaka, and Roseann Frick of Kendallville; and one grandchild.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Valhalla Funeral Home Chapel, Huntsville, with burial following with full military honors.

Calling is 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Multiple Schlrosis Association.

Chris Miller

LAGRANGE — Chris J. Miller, 92, of LaGrange, and formerly of Howe, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

He was a retired farmer and carpenter and lived in the area since March 6, 1936, after moving from Haven, Kan. He was a member of Roselawn Conservative Mennonite Church in Middlebury.

Mr. Miller

He was born March 1, 1910, in Haven to Jacob P. and Anna (Bontrager) Miller. On Jan. 30, 1934, in Haven, he married Anna S. Schrock, and she survives.

Also surviving are eight daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ellen and Harry Yoder of Middlebury, Irma and Don Zook of Burr Oak, Mich., Alta and Amos Miller and Wilma and Buryl Grossman of LaGrange, Katie and Lester Schrock of Shipshewana, LaVera and Rodney Troyer of White Pigeon, Mich., Sharon and Glenn Troyer of Elida, Ohio, and Cynthia and Rand Walter of Howe; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Wilbur and Liz Miller of Goshen, Samuel Miller of Millersburg, Gordon and Wanda Miller of Shipshewana and Alton and Margaret Miller of Middlebury; 26 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Susie J. Miller, a brother, Dan Miller, a grandson and a great-grandson preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury, with the Rev. Harry Yoder of Roselawn Conservative Mennonite Church officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorials are to Roselawn Conservative Mennonite Church youth group.

John Loveless

SEBRING, Fla. — John L. Loveless, 76, of Sebring, Fla., and a former Cromwell dairy farmer, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002, in Florida.

He was born Nov. 28, 1925, in Cromwell, and is survived by his wife, Jean, two sons and three daughters.

Services are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Visit www.ulrey-rennerfuneralhome.com for updated information.

Stephen Brill

LAGRANGE — Stephen H. Brill, 54, of Wolcottville, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002, in LaGrange Community Hospital.

Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Paul Newman

LAGRANGE — Paul W. Newman, 79, of Portage, Mich., and formerly of LaGrange, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, in Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Rev. Kenneth Napier

KENDALLVILLE — The Rev. Kenneth Napier died Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002.

The Rev. Napier was a former resident of Kendallville and pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Kendallville.

Cremation is planned.

Memorial services are Aug. 31 at Valley Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Memorials are to a local church or Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014.

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Margarita Jimenez

KENDALLVILLE — Margarita D. Jimenez, 78, died on Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Jimenez was a housewife and a member of several organizations including the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 86 in Kendallville and the Eagles Lodge #985 Ladies Auxiliary. She was also a past member of the Moose Lodge #1301 Ladies Auxiliary and the V.F.W. #2749.

Mrs. Jimenez

Mrs. Jimenez was born on June 10, 1924, in Brownsville, Texas, to Octavio and Felicetis (Duene's) Marques.

She married Antonio Jimenez in Brownsville, Texas in 1945. He survives.

Survivors include seven daughters and five sons-in-law, Dolores Hatfield of Warsaw, Olga and Joe Hernandez of Kendallville, Mary Jimenez of Kendallville, Minnie and Bobby Baldridge of Claypool, Ind., Ded and Bill Nartker of Avilla, Patty and Doug Terry of Kendallville, and Brenda and Jimmy Agee II of Kendallville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Tony and Linda Jimenez, Jr. of Kendallville, Larry and Bertha Jimenez of Kendallville and Amondo Jimenez of Kendallville; one sister, Lupe Soto of Brownsville, Texas; 38 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jimenez was preceded in death by two granddaughters and one grandson.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Father Jacob Gall will officiate.

Burial will be at the Lake View Cemetery following the service.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials to the family.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com

Stephen Brill

LAGRANGE — Stephen H. Brill, 54, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002, at the LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Brill was a farmer and Pioneer Seed Representative and was a lifelong resident of Wolcottville. He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church and a church trustee. Mr. Brill was also an army veteran of the Vietnam War and was a member of the Wolcottville American Legion Post 110.

Mr. Brill

Mr. Brill was born Oct. 25, 1947, to Hugh. G. and Donnabelle (Eshelman) Brill in Sturgis, Mich. Both of his parents survive in Wolcottville.

On Sept. 25, 1971, he married Sue A. (Bassett) Brill in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving in Wolcottville are one son, Scott R. Brill; one daughter, Staci A. Brill; one sister, Jane A. Brill; and two brothers, Jeffrey L. Brill and Barry L. Brill.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Messiah Lutheran Church, Wolcottville. The Rev. James Barton will officiate. A military graveside service will be held at Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials to Messiah Lutheran Church.

Isaac Keller

LaOTTO — Isaac "Ike" D. Keller, 79, died at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. He had been ill for the last three years.

Mr. Keller was a truck driver for TransAmerican for 32 years and retired in 1986. He also drove for several area trucking firms. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was also a member of the LaOtto Wesleyan Church, loved fishing, camping and RV traveling.

He was born May 29, 1923, in Columbia City to Raleigh and Evie (Miller) Keller and was a lifetime resident of Allen, Noble and Whitley Counties.

His first marriage was on Sept. 1, 1942, in Churubusco to M. June Kaiser and she preceded him in death in 1984. He then married on Nov. 2, 1985, in Allen County to Berneta Smith Lents and she survives.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Richard Osterman of Palmetto, Fla.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Larry L. and Elizabeth Lents of Fort Wayne; three stepgrandchildren; and three sisters and one brother-in-law, LaVelda McCoy of Avilla, Pauline Troyer of LaOtto, Lucille and Lester Green of Fort Wayne.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at the LaOtto Wesleyan Church. Pastor Lois Watkins will officiate.

Calling is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Monday at the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before the service.

Memorials to the LaOtto Wesleyan Church Building Fund.

Sympathies may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Karl Bly

CONNERSVILLE — A memorial service was held for Karl H. Bly, 84, who died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, in his Connersville home. He had been under a physician's care and his death was due to natural causes.

A 1935 graduate of Kendallville High School, he graduated from Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in education in 1940. Mr. Bly was a coach and teacher at Harrisburg High School from 1940-1942 and during the war had worked in production control at McQuay-Norris Manufacturing. He was a member of the American Central Concert Band. In 1943, he joined the faculty at Connersville Junior High School as a teacher and coach. In 1946, he was instrumental in starting up again the Connersville High School football program, which had been disabled since 1933. As an IHSAA accredited official in football and basketball, he was a charter member and one of the organizers of the Eastern Indiana Official's Association, of which he had served as president. He is still listed as an honorary member. Very active in John Connor Players, he had acted in many plays over the years. He directed the production of "Blithe Spirit" and was also honored as best actor and best supporting actor. He was a member of the Connersville Country Club, where he had served as president and vice-president. In 1970, he was transferred to Connersville High School where he taught psychology, economics, philosophy and U.S. history. He retired from teaching in 1976.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where he had served as deacon. In 1994, he won the Humanitarian Award presented by the Connersville/Fayette County Chamber of Commerce. In 1996, he was inducted into the Fayette County School Corporation Education Hall of Fame.

Very active in Kiwanis, he served as the Connersville club's president in 1988-1989, was named distinguished president in 1991-1992, he served as state chairman for the International Convention in Indianapolis. In 1991-1992, he served as Lieutenant Governor of the Rose Division of the Indiana District and was named Distinguished Lieutenant Governor. In 1990, he was awarded the J.L. McCulloch Award by the Kiwanis Indiana District Foundation.

Mr. Bly was born Aug. 19, 1917, in Kendallville to Maurice J. and Clara E. (Reichardt) Bly.

On May 4, 1941, he married Faye V. DeHoff. She preceded him in death on Feb. 13, 1986.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Robert M. and Ann Bly of Knoxville, Tenn; and one daughter, Rebecca A. Bly of Muncie.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Thomas R. Bly.

The memorial service was held Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, in Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home. The Rev. Frederick A. Beck officiated.

Burial was Saturday at Dale Cemetery.

Memorials to the Thomas R. Bly Foundation.

Mark Trittipo

FORT WAYNE — Mark Thomas Trittipo, 24, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, from injuries sustained from an automobile accident on Carroll Road.

Mr. Trittipo

Mr. Trittipo was employed at Teleflex in Kendallville. He graduated from Pioneer High School in Royal Center, Ind., and received his certification in chair massage from Regional College of Massage Therapy in Fort Wayne.

He was born on July 21, 1978, in Tipton, Ind., to Mark David Trittipo and Tonia J. Mountcastle.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Mark David and Tara Trittipo of Logansport; his mother, Tonia J. Knapp of Pierceton; his adoptive mother and father Becky and Daniel Vladetich of Royal Center; five brothers, Joey Knapp of Pierceton, Shawn Trittipo of Royal Center, Tyrone Ball of Lebanon, Ryan Moon of Elwood and Kyle Vladetich of Royal Center; five sisters, Traci Lynn Trittipo of Royal Center, Kimber Dawn Vladetich of Logansport, Amber Hagerman of Anderson, Tiffany Ramsey and Jessica Ramsey, both of Elwood; grandparents, Linda Mills of Elwood, Charles and Glena Trittipo of Greenfield, Ruth Clingerman of Larwill and Hazel Vladetich of Logansport; several aunts and uncles; and special friends, Amanda Kiesling of Columbia City and Matthew Pettigrew of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Edsel Trittipo.

Services will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Calling is from 3-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials to the Cherokee Nation Tribe.

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Harold Hiers

HUNTINGTON — Harold W. Hiers, 86, died at 5:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at Norwoods Nursing Center, Huntington.

Mr. Hiers was employed at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 30 years. He was a life member of Huntington V.F.W. Post #2689 and a contributing member of the World War II National Memorial in Washington, D.C. He was also a World War II Army Veteran.

He was born July 21, 1916, in Peru, Ind., to Emanuel and Florence E. (Benner) Hiers.

On Jan. 1, 1939, he married Mary Bolinger and she preceded him in death on March 31, 1984. He then married Ethel Enyeart on March 16, 1985, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 10, 1989.

Surviving are one brother, Jerry Hiers; one sister, Margaret Stomberg of St. Joe; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hiers was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Lynn Hiers; one brother, Richard Hiers; and three sisters, Mary Ellen Derr, Marjorie Studebaker and Maxine Studebaker.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at Deal-Robbins and Van Gilder Huntington Chapel. Chaplain Karen Kosberg will officiate.

Calling is from noon Tuesday until the service.

Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery in South Whitley.

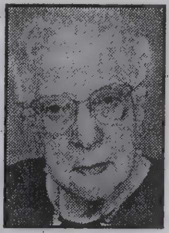
Memorials to Parkview Huntington Home Health Hospice Care.

E-mail sympathies to drvgfuneral@skyenet.net.

Marie Brown

ANGOLA — Marie E. Brown, 99, died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, at Lakeland Nursing Home.

Mrs. Brown was a homemaker and a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola. She was also a former member of the Hudson Chapter Order of Eastern Star.


Mrs. Brown

She was born Aug. 1, 1903, to William and Ida (Cook) Schall in Edon, Ohio.

On Dec. 2, 1921, she married Gay E. Brown. He preceded her in death on March 23, 1983.

Surviving are two daughters, Carrine Croy of Angola, and Barbara Hall of Houston, Texas; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Tim Seevers will officiate.

Burial is at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Nathalie Crain

ANGOLA — Nathalie A. Crain, 68, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Crain retired as an assembly worker at Gettig in Angola in 1999 and graduated from school in Fremont, Ind.

She was born Sept. 13, 1933, in Edon, Ohio, to Oscar and Irma (Young) Fisher. Her mother survives in Angola.

On Jan. 30, 1954, she married William L. Crain. He preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1987.

Surviving are one son, Steven Crain of Angola; one daughter, Lisa Shilling of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Norman and Neil Fisher, both of Fremont; and three grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her father and one brother, Ned Fisher.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. The Rev. Richard Doenges will officiate.

Calling is 5-7 p.m. Monday and one hour before the service at the funeral home.

Burial is at Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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John Loveless

SEBRING, Fla. — John L. Loveless, 76, formerly of Cromwell, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002, at 8:50 p.m. at his home after an illness of 2 1/2 months.

He was a retired dairy farmer and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church of Sebring and the Lions Breakfast Club in Florida.

While in Noble County, he and his wife, Jean, were named Mr. & Mrs. Noble County in 1973. He was Noble County Dairyman of the Year in 1974, and earned the Indiana Guernsey Breeders Association Distinguished Service Award in 1993.

Mr. Loveless was born Nov. 28, 1925, in Cromwell to Arthur and Marie (Wilson) Loveless. He lived in the Cromwell area until his retirement in 1993.

He married Norma Jean Stahly Aug. 22, 1948, in Wawaka. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael J. Loveless of Newbury, S.C., and Mark A. and Gail Loveless of Cromwell; three daughters and sons-in-law, Margaret A. and Rick Rost of Fishers, Rose M. and Matt Rickey of Big Long Lake and Ruth A. and John Santoro of Chicago; a brother, Jack W. Loveless of Jacksonville, Fla.; a sister, Barbara A. Loveless of Albuquerque, N.M.; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son and a brother, Richard.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. with calling beginning at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Don Poyser will officiate. Burial is in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials to Faith Lutheran Church School or Good Shepherd Hospice, both in Sebring.

Gwendolyn Hays

AVILLA — Gwendolyn K. Hays, 52 , died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, at 10:35 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

She was a bus driver for East Noble School Corp., on the Avilla route, for 21 years.

She was a member of the Avilla Fire Department Auxiliary and past treasurer. She lived in the community for 30 years since coming from Oklahoma.

Mrs. Hays

She was born Aug. 5, 1950, in Mangum, Okla., to Preston and Betty (Ford) Thacker. They survive in Altus, Okla.

She married Earl Hays May 24, 1968, in Altus. He survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Heath Hays of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Heather Hays of Avilla; a granddaughter, Madison Biddle; two brothers, Randy Thacker of Laredo, Texas, and Leander Thacker of Altus, Okla.; and one sister, Sherri Fancher of Altus, Okla.

Services are Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial is at Orange Township Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital or American Cancer Society.

Paul Newman

LAGRANGE — Paul W. Newman, 70, formerly of LaGrange, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo.

He retired from Kalamazoo Stamping and Die (Tower Automotive) in 1988. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Sturgis, Mich., and LaGrange V.F.W. posts.

He was born Sept. 22, 1931, in Sturgis, Mich., to Hollis D. and Stella (Weiderman) Newman.

He is survived by his companion of 26 years, Joyce Parker; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Jim Bowser of Portage, Mich., and Glenda and Bobby Kraft of Jackson, Mich.; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Cyndi and Bob Kovach of Fulton, Mich.; two stepsons and one stepdaughter-in-law, Jim and Paula Parker of Jackson, Mich., and Duane Parker of Portage, Mich.; four grandchildren, Ryan, Tia, Adam and Mathew Kraft; four stepgrandchildren, Christopher Laws, Steven Parker, Robert Kovach and Jennifer Kovach; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Alvin, Elvin and Carlton Newman and sister Della Scott.

Services are Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, with calling one hour prior to service. The Rev. Carldean Merrifield will be officiating. Burial is at Ontario Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or American Lung Association.

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KENDALLVILLE — Services were held for **Robert Hampshire** Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at 1 p.m., with the Rev. Jim Kane officating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Brian Hampshire, Kevin Hampshire, Andy Hampshire, Mitch Hampshire, Todd Fiandt and Mike Fiandt.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held for **Banner Kidd Sr.** at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2002, at 10 a.m. Burial was at Springfield Township Cemetery, Mongo.

Pallbearers were James Handshoe, Jeremy Handshoe, Matt Bollinger, Aron Mantle, Steve Brown and Darron Burkett.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Mary Parker

COLUMBIA CITY — Mary V. Parker, 76, died at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, 2002, in Lutheran Hospital emergency room.

She retired from Dana Weatherhead in 1987 after 19 years of service. She was a member of Eagles 1906 Auxiliary.

She was born May 11, 1926, in Noble County to William Francis and Ora Ethel (Bennett) Brower. Her formative years were spent in the Wolf Lake area and she graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

She married Jay W. Wrisk and made their home in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death in 1965. On Nov. 25, 1966, she married Donald J. Parker. They made their first home at Big Lake, then resided in the Ormas area before moving to Columbia City in 1982. He preceded her in death Sept. 4, 1982.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, a grandson, three brothers, Donald, Merle and Charles, and three sisters, Gladys, Edna and Irene.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Frank Vasquez of Midland, Texas, Linda and Danny May of Warsaw and Becky and Dan Spencer of Tri Lakes; two stepsons and their spouses, Dale and Freda Parker and David and Gayle Parker, both of Columbia City; a stepdaughter and her spouse, Barbara and Mike Ferguson of New Haven; 15 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; three brothers, Paul Brower of Columbia City, Richard Brower of Wolf Lake and Kenneth Brower, no address listed.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Bob Siegrist of Tri Lakes Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to the Senior Citizens Center.

Betty Cole

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Jo Cole, 71, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2002, at 7:37 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Susanne Tarr

ALBION — Susanne Maurine Tarr, 78, of Albion and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday in Fort Wayne.

She was an instructor at Parkview School of Nursing and a registered nurse for 16 years, retiring in 1991 from Adams County Memorial Hospital. She was director of nursing from 1975 to 1991. She received the 1994 Older Woman of the Year award. She was active with the visiting nurses and hospice program and the United Methodist Women's program. She volunteered for AARP seniors insurance program and was secretary of the Albion AARP. She was an alumnus of the University of Detroit Mercy, and Purdue University at Fort Wayne, and a member of the Women's Business Association of Decatur.

Mrs. Tarr

She was married to Roger Eugene Tarr. He preceded her in death in 1969. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Don Scarlett.

She is survived by three sons, David R. of Roanoke, Ronald of Cabet, Ark., and Bruce E. of Yoder; two daughters, Nila Dafforn of Ossian and Anita Chenoweth of Albion; and one brother, Harold Scarlett, address not listed.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Monson Chapel, 11431 Lower Huntington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, 6810 Old Trail Road, and one hour before services.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Beulah Johnson

LAGRANGE — Beulah M. Johnson, 83, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2002, at 9 a.m. at LifeCare Center of LaGrange.

She was a homemaker and driver for Amish in the Topeka area for several years. She attended the Topeka Baptist Church.

She was born in Lakeville on Sept. 22, 1918, to Robert and Bertha (King) Beach.

She married Ernest Price, who preceded her in death. She then married Harold Johnson on Dec. 29, 1944, in Dayton, Ind. He preceded her in death in 1985.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, two sisters and one grandson.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Melvin Boyle of Wolcottville and Sharon and Thomas Franks of Wawaka; six sons, Ernest Price of Howe, Harold Price of Bremen, Clifford Price of Mishawaka, Charles Johnson of Topeka, Richard Johnson of LaGrange and Larry Johnson of Topeka; 20 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Wanetta Herman of Sodus, Mich., and Evelyn Brewis of Grants Pass, Ore.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Allen Holmes officiating. Burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials to Topeka Baptist Church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

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Betty Cole

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Jo Cole, 71, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2002, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Cole

She was a homemaker. She came to the Kendallville area in 1963 from Sheridan. She was a former member of the Women of the Moose in Kendallville.

She was born Sept. 23, 1930, to Hubert H. and Flora (Featherston) Hart in Indianapolis.

On Oct. 22, 1949, she married Lloyd James Cole in Tipton. He died June 17, 1987.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Karen Renee Cole.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy Jo and Bill Burleson of St. Joseph, Mich.; three sons and daughters-in-law, David A. and Janine Cole of Kendallville, Stephen A. and Janet Cole of Rome City, and Brian J. and Rhonda Cole of Kendallville; four brothers, Hubert H. Jr., Robert Lee, Jack and Jerry David Hart, all of Indianapolis; four sisters, Martha Louise Hart of Indianapolis, Hyla Jane Harper of Moab, Utah, Shirley Ann Davidson of Indianpolis and Judith May Stevens of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren, Joshua, Aaron, Nathan, Jared, Anthony, Katherine and Brandon Cole, Lara Miller, Aaron Goings, and Jenny and Justin Burleson; and four great-grandchildren, Cody, Nicholas and McKenzie Cole and Grace Miller.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the True Church of God in South Milford, with the Revs. Sam Sawyer and Birtchel Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association, the Kidney Foundation or the True Church of God in South Milford.

Patricia Walt

ROME CITY — Patricia A. Walt, 69, died Tuesday, August 20, 2002, at 10:29 a.m. in a car accident at S.R. 3 and Drake Road in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

Terry Johnson

KIMMELL — Terry Richard Johnson, 61, of Knapp Lake, formerly of Chapman Lake, Warsaw, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Warsaw on April 25, 1941, to Wayne and Winona (Norris) Johnson. He was a resident of Knapp Lake for the past 15 years, coming from Warsaw. He was former owner of Crown Industries LLC and had served in the National Guard for six years. He was a member of North Winona Church of the Brethren, Warsaw.

On June 29, 1991, he married Janelle Davis. She survives.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in law, Tamara and Douglas Wood of Leesburg; a son, Tony of Milford; four stepchildren, Joseph Oglesbee, Brandi Hamman and Billi Oglesbee, all of Syracuse, and Mary Oglesbee at home; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Diane Bailey and Christi and Michael Gibson, of Pierceton; and a brother, Alan Rosbrugh of Warsaw; five grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials to Leukemia Society of America, 921 E. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Dean Rose

ANGOLA — Dean E. Rose, 81, died June 5, 2002, in Newark, N.Y.

Mr. Rose was in the 8th Air Force in England and was a radio gunner on the B-24 bomber flown by Capt. Leland Nedele, also of Angola.

Mr. Rose was a restaurant owner in Flint, Mich., as well as representative for Superior Coffee in eastern Michigan and Rochester, N.Y. He was manager of a condominium community in Penfield, N.Y. He was active in the Lions Club and the United Methodist Church in Webster, N.Y.

He was born Jan. 3, 1921, in Angola. He graduated from Angola High School in 1938 and attended Michigan State University.

On June 1, 1941, he married Geneva Warstler of Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Deanna Stephans of Mt. Clemens, Mich.; two sons, Gary of San Diego and David of Fairmont, N.Y.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Harriet Aughinbaugh of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Martha Latson of Angola; and three brothers, Duane and Ronald, both of Angola, and Charles of Bluffton, S.C.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Angola Christian Church. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery. A service was held in Rochester, N.Y., June 22.

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James Frech

INDIANAPOLIS — James K. Frech, 62, died Friday, Aug. 2, 2002, at Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis.

He made his home in the Indianapolis area and retired in 1997 after 30 years of service as a clerk at the Indiana State Library, Division for the Blind.

Mr. Frech was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Fatima Council and St. Lawrence Catholic Church. He loved to bowl and was an avid Cubs fan.

He was born July 20, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Kendall and Alice (Denzel) Frech. He graduated from the Indiana School for the Blind.

On Jan. 20, 1968, he married Janet Gallagher in Mooresville. She survives.

He was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law, Marcia and Jim Edwards.

Also surviving are his sister, Kay Wheatley of Rome City, and 22 nieces and nephews.

A memorial service and interment was held Aug. 10, 2002, at Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum in Indianapolis.

Thomas Parvu

GARRETT — Thomas P. Parvu, 53, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2002, at 6 a.m. in his Garrett home.

Mr. Parvu was an accountant and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a lifetime resident of Garrett and a member of Garrett American Legion Post 178.

He was born Sept. 7, 1948, in Terre Haute to Theodore N. and Charlotte V. (Bock) Parvu. His mother survives in Garrett and his father preceded him in death.

Also surviving are one daughter, Heather Hornbeak of Garrett; two brothers, Theodore J. Parvu of Glendale, Ariz., and Michael E. Parvu of Kendallville; and two grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, to cover funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Anna Stevenson

ANDERSON — Anna B. (Malone) Stevenson, 41, died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, in Anderson.

She was born Feb. 13, 1961, in Goshen to Ivan and Elizabeth (Bullock) Malone. Her mother survives in Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Also surviving are two sons, Christopher Malone of North Webster and Caleb Stevenson of Warick, N.Y.; one daughter, Laura Stevenson of Warick; one brother, Ray Malone of Warick and three sisters, Mae Malone of Springfield, Ill., Kathryn Voshell of Sunfield, Mich., and Mary Ann Clark of Wakarusa.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service, 229 S. Rangeline Road, Anderson, with the Rev. Jim Rogers and Pastor Louis Jackson officiating. Burial will be in East Maplewood Cemetery. Calling will be one hour before services.

Susanne Maurine Tarr, 78

ALBION–Susanne Maurine Tarr, 78, died on Sunday, August 18, 2002 in Fort Wayne.

She was born on November 13, 1923 in Redford Twp., Michigan.

She married Roger Eugene Tarr and he preceded her in death in 1969.

Mrs. Tarr was an instructor at Parkview School of Nursing and a Registered Nurse for 16 years, retiring in 1991 from Adams County Memorial Hospital. She was director of nursing from 1975-1991.

In 1994 she received the Older Woman of the year award. She was active with the Visiting Nurses and Hospice Program, the United Methodist Women's Program, volunteer for AARP Seniors Insurance Program and Secretary of Albion AARP.

She was an alumni of University of Detroit Mercy and Purdue, Fort Wayne and Women's Business Association, Decatur, Indiana.

She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and she will be missed by all.

Survivors include three sons; David R. Tarr of Roanoke, Ronald Tarr of Cabet, Arkansas, Bruce E. Tarr of Yoder; two daughters, Nila Dafforn of Ossian; Anita Chenoweth of Albion; one brother, Harold Scarlett; fourteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

One brother, Don Scarlett, preceded her in death.

Services will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2002 at Monson Chapel, 11431 Lwr. Huntington Rd. in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2002 at Elzey Patterson Rodak, 6810 Old Trail Rd., Fort Wayne and one hour before services at Monson Chapel.

Preferred memorials are to the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Mary V. Parker

COLUMBIA CITY–Mary V. Parker, 76, a resident of Columbia City, died at 11 a.m., Sunday, August 18, 2002 in Lutheran Hospital emergency room.

She was born May 11, 1926 in Noble County, Indiana a daughter of William Francis and Ora Ethel (Bennett) Brower. Her formative years were spent in the Wolf Lake area and she graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

Her first marriage was to Jay W. Wrisk. They always made their home in Fort Wayne. Mr. Wrisk died in 1965.

On November 25, 1966 she was united in marriage to Donald J. Parker. They made their first home in Big Lake, then residing in the Ormas area, moving to Columbia City in 1982. Mr. Parker died September 4, 1982.

She retired from Dana Weatherhead in 1987 with 19 years of service.

She was a member of Eagles #1906 Auxiliary.

She is survived by three daughters, Susan (Frank) Vasquez of Midland, TX, Linda (Danny) May of Warsaw and Becky (Dan) Spencer of Tri Lakes; two step sons, Dale (Freda) Parker and David (Gayle) Parker, both of Columbia City; a step daughter, Barbara (Mike) Ferguson of New Haven; 15 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; and three brothers, Paul Brower of Columbia City, Richard Brower of Wolf Lake and Kenneth Brower.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a grandson; three brothers, Donald Brower, Merle Brower and Charles Brower; and three sisters, Gladys Brower, Edna Brower and Irene Brower.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2002 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Pastor Bob Siegrist, pastor of Tri Lakes Baptist Church, officiating. The burial was in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Senior Citizens Center.

THE NEWS-SUN THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2002

Rodney Kennedy

AUBURN — Rodney E. Kennedy, 50, died Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2002, at 9:52 p.m. in a motorcycle accident in rural Auburn.

Mr. Kennedy worked for Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne, retiring Jan. 1, 2002. He lived in Auburn and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. He was an avid fisherman, competing in many bass tournaments and winning the most recent one he had entered.

He was born March 18, 1952, in Garrett to Raymond and Beverly (Deetz) Kennedy. They survive in Auburn.

He married Sharon Grate on June 12, 1971, in Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Aaron Kennedy of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly Kay and John Richie of Kendallville; and a granddaughter, Allyssa Richie.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. William Kaster and Marty Longcor will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Bessie Rose

KENDALLVILLE — Bessie Marie Rose, 69, of Kendallville, died at 8:25 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2002, at her home.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Patricia Walt

ROME CITY — Patricia A. Walt, 69, died at 10:29 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2002, as a result of a car accident at the intersection of Drake Road and S.R. 3, Kendallville.

Mrs. Walt

She was an engineer's aide with Magnavox for 30 years, retiring in 1996. She was a lifetime resident of the area. She was a 1951 graduate of Garrett High School. She was a member of the Albion Eagles, the Avilla American Legion Auxiliary and St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City.

She was born in Garrett on April 21, 1933, to Wilford and Dorothy (Warstler) Hall. Her mother survives in Altona.

She married Robert T. Walt on June 7, 1952, in Garrett. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Patrice and Neil Whitesell of Ligonier, Pamela Walt-Williams of Fort Wayne and Paula and Randy Belice of Chicago; seven grandchildren, Zachary, Katie, Anny and Cody Whitesell and Tierra, Janel and Chenea Williams; and a sister, Helen Hall of Atlanta, Ga.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City, with the Rev. Charles Mullins officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with Rosary services at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to St. Gaspar Catholic Church or Gibault Inc. School for Boys and Girls.

Mary Owen

KENDALLVILLE — Mary E. Owen, 82, died Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2002, at 8:35 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She retired in 1992 after 37 years as a bookkeeper at Flint & Walling. She was a member of First Christian Church, former member of B.P.W. and secretary of the City Bowling Association, all in Kendallville.

She was born March 4, 1920, in Louisville, Ky.

She married Willard "Buzz" Owen on April 1, 1945. He died on April 13, 1993.

She was preceded in death by four brothers.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at Lake View Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Funeral services for **Robert W. Stillson**, 91, of Mansfield, Ohio, formerly of Ligonier, were held at 11 a.m. Monday, at Ligonier Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. William Bernauer officiating. Burial was in South Union Cemetery, Nappanee.

Pallbearers were Jim Pittman, Ken Schuman, Rick Berger, Bob Meister, Jeffery Hite and Chris Nocks.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CORUNNA — Services for **M. Katherine Hasselman** were held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, with the Revs. Dr. Kent R. Hunter and Al Wingfield officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren, Steven Hodge, Adam Young, Matthew Hasselman, Daniel Hasselman, Beth (Young) Mosley, Melissa Hodge, Brian Hodge and Joseph Hodge.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home of Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Bessie Rose

KENDALLVILLE — Bessie Marie "Granny" Rose, 69, died Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2002, at 8:25 p.m. in her home. She had been ill since February 2001.

Mrs. Rose

She came to the area from West Virginia 40 years ago. She was a homemaker and worked at Colwell Merchandising, Kendallville, for five years.

She was born April 18, 1933, to Harper and Martha (Lester) Keene in Paynesville, W.Va. She married John Rose. He preceded her in death in 1980.

Also preceding her in death were two daughters, Lillian Taylor and Lisa Taylor; one son, Clarence Taylor; and several brothers and sisters.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James R. and Sharon Taylor of Reidsville, N.C., and Johnny D. and Roberta Taylor of Cadillac, Mich.; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Phyllis and Mark Bauman of Kendallville, Sharon and Roby Conley of Albion, Ruth and Herbert Davis of Auburn, Maine, Frankie Bolen and her companion, Randy Chandler, of Lincolnton, N.C., and Susan Bard and her companion, John Carroll, of Kendallville; 21 grandchildren, two of whom — Jessica and Joseph Chandler of Kendallville — she raised; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Community Baptist Church, LaGrange C.R. 700S, Wolcottville. The Rev. Leburn Combs will officiate. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is after 2 p.m. Friday at the church, with services at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice or Community Baptist Church.

Argyl Grogg

LAOTTO — Argyl W. Grogg, 86, died Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002, at 6:15 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

He had been in declining health and had been hospitalized since Monday.

Mr. Grogg was a well-known Butler Township farmer, retiring in 1996. He served as a school bus driver for the Garrett-Keyser-Butler School Corp. in Garrett for 26 years, and as a school custodian for five years. He was a former member of the Butler Township Advisory Board.

Mr. Grogg

A 1935 graduate of LaOtto High School, he was a lifelong resident of Butler Township and had lived in his present home since 1945.

He was born Aug. 12, 1916, in Butler Township to Ira and Bertha (Yarde) Grogg.

He married Ruth Anna Bracht on Sept. 3, 1935, in Spencerville, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Phil A. and Carol Grogg of Fort Wayne, and Joseph L. Grogg of rural LaOtto; four grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Loyal Grogg, and a sister, Velma Shipe.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco. The Rev. Jerry Machgan, pastor of Altarstar United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of DeKalb County.

Calling is Saturday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Altarstar United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Wilbur Cook

DECATUR — Wilbur "Web" Cook, 83, died Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2002, at Adams County Memorial Hospital Extended Care Unit, Decatur.

The Decatur native worked at Sherman-White Creamery and retired from Meshbergers Stone Corp. He was a World War II Army veteran.

His wife, Esther Faye, died in 2000.

Surviving are four sons, Delane, Ronnie and Jeffrey Cook, all of rural Decatur, and Rodney Cook of Monroe; four daughters, Nancy Isch and Jane Gremaux, both of Decatur, Connie Myers of Monroe and Julie Burkhart of Willshire, Ohio; three sisters, Isabel King, Josephine Hirschy and Rosie Lough, all of Decatur; five brothers, Virgil, Richard and Herbert Cook, all of Decatur, Dale Cook of Ohio City and William Cook of Rome City; 18 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Burial will be in Tricker Cemetery, Monroe.

Calling is 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon-2 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Mount Zion United Brethren in Christ Church, Bobo. Condolences to funeralinfo@zwickjahn.com.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Margarita D. Jimenez** were 11 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Father Jacob Gall officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Anthony Jimenez Jr., Ray Belger, Joe Terry, Carlos Stanford, Joshua McCullon and Erick McDonald. Honorary pallbearers were Joe Hernandez Jr., Storm, Trafton and Matthew Jimenez and Ronny Baldridge.

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Memorial service for Rev. Kenneth Napier

KENDALLVILLE — A serv-
ce of worship commemorating
he life of the Rev. Kenneth W.
Napier will be 11 a.m. Saturday,
Aug. 31, in the First Presbyterian
Church of Kendallville.

The service will be a thanks-
iving to God for the many gifts
hat were shared through Rev.
Napier's life.

Rev. Napier served the First
Presbyterian Church congrega-
ion and community from 1968
o 1988. He was very active in
he councils of the church, noted
for his wit and drama in preach-
ng and was an "original" among
he cast of the Gaslight Theatre.
In 1984 Rev. Napier and then-Mayor John Riemke were named co-citizens of the year by the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce.

Rev. Napier was born in Chicago Nov. 16, 1930. He died at his home in Scottsdale, Ariz., Aug. 6, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and their three children, Cheryl Carlson and Bonnie Napier, both of Phoenix, Ariz., and Keith Napier of Deland, Fla. The Napiers have four grandchildren.

The memorial service in Kendallville has been scheduled in support of Rev. Napier's family members who have scheduled a family memorial service for the same day and at the same hour in Scottsdale. A videotape of the Kendallville service will be forwarded to the family. Personal greetings to Mrs. Napier and their children may be added to the tape at the conclusion of the service.

Among those who have accepted invitations to participate in the service are Craig Munk, Cathie Kreigh and the Rev. Stan Kessler.

Ruth Napier's address is 7902 East Granada, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85257. Her e-mail address is kennethnapier@hotmail.com.

Maxine Collins

AVILLA — Maxine Collins, 81, died Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2002, at 6 p.m. at the Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She owned and operated a beauty shop in Albion during the 1940s. She attended First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Mrs. Collins

She was born Dec. 29, 1920, in Green Township to George and Effie (Owen) Kimmel. She married Clarence "Joe" Veit in 1942. He preceded her in death in 1970. She married Cleveland "Ed" Collins Feb. 14, 1973, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are three sisters, Lalia Hand of Fort Wayne, Barbara Rider of Larwill and Midge Marshall of Cromwell; and a brother, Bill Kimmel of Churubusco.

Also preceding her in death were three sisters, Faye Lemish, Betty Mote and Donnabelle Kimmel; and a brother, Edward Kimmel.

Memorial services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Thomas Clothier will officiate. Burial will be in the Huntertown Cemetery at a later date.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to First Christian Church of Kendallville.

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Ruth Ann Knott

FORT WAYNE — Ruth Ann Knott, 65, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2002, at 5:58 p.m. in her home on Dominion Drive in Fort Wayne.

She worked as a prototype supervisor for General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1993 after 25 years of service.

She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and Eastern Star, both in Waterloo, and American Legion Post 47 of Fort Wayne.

She was born June 10, 1937, in Waterloo to Elmer James Deetz and Hilda Idle Metcalf Deetz.

She married James C. Knott on Nov. 29, 1958, in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Larry C. Knott of Indianapolis; two daughters, Tamra A. Olry and Carol M. Hamilton, both of Fort Wayne; one brother, Walter Deetz of Sebring, Fla.; one sister, Esther Miller of Auburn; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Hugh and George Deetz, and one sister, Phyllis Huckleberry.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Concordia Gardens Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne IN 46805.

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es Heroy

ANGOLA — Giles F. Heroy, of Angola and Sarasota, Fla., d Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, at 5 a.m. in Lakeland Nursing nter, Angola.

Mr. Heroy worked for most of life for a seat spring supplier in automotive industry. He was a gtime resident of Jackson, ch., and later of Adrian, Mich.

Mr. Heroy

He retired in 56 as vice sident of ibnitz-Greene ision of over Universal . so that he uld devote nself full-time Angola Wire oducts Inc. in gola, a company he founded th his wife in 1960. He became a sident of Sarasota in 1978, subsequently spending his winters there.

He was a member of the Adrian ks Club and the Lenawee ountry Club in Adrian, Mich.

Mr. Heroy was born Dec. 30. 914, in Steuben County, to lifton and Mabel (Norton) Heroy.

His wife, Rose A. (Smolinski), receded him in death on Feb. 11, 993.

Surviving are two sons, Michael . Heroy of Angola and David F. eroy of Chicago; seven grandhildren; one niece and two ephews.

He was preceded in death by a ister, Dora Miner, as well as his vife and his parents.

Services are set for 1 p.m.

hursday at Beams Funeral Home, remont, with Pastor Larry ubingh officiating.

Calling hours are 6 to 8 p.m. uesday and 6 to 8 p.m. Vednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in California emetery, California Township, ranch County, Mich.

Suggested memorials are to the iles F. and Rose A. Heroy Memorial Scholarship Fund, in are of the Steuben County ommunity Foundation, 207 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703.

Gerald Bowerman

ASHLEY — Gerald A. Bowerman, 69, Ashley, died Friday. Aug. 23, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bowerman was a veteran of the U.S. National Guard. He worked as an assemblyman at Auburn Gear in Auburn for 36 years, retiring in 1996.

He belonged to the Angola Moose Lodge and was an avid summer fisherman and gardener. He loved his grandchildren very much.

He was born Jan. 31, 1933, in Angola to Cleo and Josephine (Cline) Bowerman.

He married Rosalie Baumgardner on Feb. 9, 1959, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph Bowerman of Goshen and Clay Bowerman of Hudson; two daughters, Heidi Bidlack of Angola and Tina Lepper of Bronson, Mich.; a brother, Jay Bowerman of Angola; a half-brother, Billy Eugene Gipple of Hamilton; a stepbrother, Max Gipple of Ashley; two sisters, Ruth Everitts of Hamilton and Mary Getts of Kendallville; a stepsister, Violet Wysong of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren, Kelli, Luke, Gina, Andrew and Eli Bidlack, Erica Woodman, Tonya and Trenton Lepper and Colton, Ben, Sara and Hannah Bowerman; and a great-grandson, Alex Woodman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Bill Gipple; a brother, William "Buddy" Bowerman; and a half-brother, Lennie Gipple.

Services are set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jon Bruney and the Rev. Jack Baumgardner officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Private family graveside services will be held at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Suggested memorials are to RISE Inc. of Angola.

Thelma H. Lawson

ANTWERP, Ohio — Thelma H. Lawson, 80, of Antwerp, Ohio, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2002, at 2:35 p.m. at her daughter's home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Lawson had worked as a laborer at various jobs and was employed for 23 years at General Electric in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Antwerp and the El Par Club.

She was born May 30, 1922, in Van Wood, W.Va., to Claude and Hazel (Massey) Harvey.

She married Carl Lawson on July 7, 1942, in Sophia, W.Va. He preceded her in death on Oct. 10, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter, Colene Martin of Kendallville; two sons, Edd Lawson of Fort Wayne and Bill Lawson of Rheinmein Air Force Base, Frankfurt, Germany; a sister, Macie Thompson of Shady Springs, W.Va.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services are set for Tuesday at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) at First Baptist Church of Antwerp, with the Rev. Jim Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens at Fort Wayne.

Calling hours are 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. (Indiana times) at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp, and one hour before services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church of Antwerp, Parkview Noble Hospice of LaGrange or Goshen Hospital Cancer Treatment Center.

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Ray Allen Kline

FORT WAYNE — Ray Allen Kline, 69, died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, at 3 a.m. in his home at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kline

Mr. Kline was employed as a technical engineer at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 33 years, retiring in 1993. He was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne. He belonged to the Masonic Lodge in New Haven and the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean War.

He had lived in Fort Wayne for 40 years, coming from Kendallville.

He was born April 4, 1933, in Green Township, Noble County, to Paul D. and Dorothy (Bower) Kline.

He married Marcia A. Jacobs on Nov. 17, 1956, in Kendallville, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Allen and Susan Kline of Auburn, Steven Kline of Fort Wayne and Douglas Kline of Edinburgh, Scotland; three grandchildren, Brandon, Brice and Brittany Kline; and a brother, Keith Kline of Albion.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. David Easterday and the Rev. Kevin Boyd officiating.

Calling hours are Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Samantha Nicole Yates

MACY — Samantha Nicole Yates, 15, of Macy, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2002, at 8:22 p.m. as a result of an automobile accident.

Miss Yates was a student at Caston High School, where she was starting her sophomore year. She sang in the Caston choir and liked to help her cousins with modified race cars. She also liked horses and dogs.

She was born March 28, 1987, in Fort Wayne, to Mark A. Yates and Kim Carmichael.

Miss Yates is survived by her father and stepmother, Mark A. and Barbara Yates of Albion; her mother and stepfather, Kim and David Bowyer of Macy; four sisters, Erika and Whitney Yates and Megan Bowyer, all at home, and Christina Bowyer at Ball State University in Muncie; her grandparents, Gene and Carol Maners and Carol Yates, all of Albion; a stepgrandmother, Vera Bowyer of Logansport; and stepgrandparents, Pat and Gary Krebs of Wolcottville.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home Kewanna Chapel, Kewanna, with the Rev. David Sommers officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling hours at the funeral home are after 2 p.m. today and after 8 a.m. Tuesday until the time of the service.

Delilah Anna Seiler

AUBURN — Delilah Anna Seiler, 87, of Auburn, died Friday evening at her home in rural Auburn.

Mrs. Seiler was an avid quilter, gardener and homemaker and a member of the North Leo Mennonite Church in Leo.

She was born Dec. 28, 1914, to Silas and Sarah (Frey) Liechty in Henry County, Ohio.

She married Ralph Seiler on Sept. 14, 1939, in Leo. He preceded her in death on Dec. 15, 1997.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Ed and Carol Seiler, Larry and Donna Seiler, Roland and Teresa Seiler and Ralph and Charlene Seiler, all of Auburn, and Ronald and Michelle Seiler of Spencerville; three brothers, Jesse and Reuben Liechty, both of Spencerville, and Richard Liechty of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mildred Graber of Archbold, Ohio, Mary Stuckey of Spencerville and Ruth Shue of Sarasota, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Simon and Omer Liechty, preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday with calling one hour before at North Leo Mennonite Church, with Pastor Doug Zehr officiating. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling also will be held Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the church fellowship hall.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital Hospice, 1316 E. Seventh St., Auburn IN 46706, or the Mennonite Women Sewing Circle, P.O. Box 213, Leo-Cedarville IN 46765.

Arrangements are being handled by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2002

This obituary is being republished with corrected information about calling times.

Gerald Bowerman

ASHLEY — Gerald A. Bowerman, 69, Ashley, died Friday Aug. 23, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bowerman was a veteran of the U.S. National Guard. He worked as an assemblyman at Auburn Gear in Auburn for 36 years, retiring in 1996.

He belonged to the Angola Moose Lodge and was an avid summer fisherman and gardener. He loved his grandchildren very much.

He was born Jan. 31, 1933, in Angola to Cleo and Josephine (Cline) Bowerman.

He married Rosalie Baumgardner on Feb. 9, 1959, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph Bowerman of Goshen and Clay Bowerman of Hudson; two daughters, Heidi Bidlack of Angola and Tina Lepper of Bronson, Mich.; a brother, Jay Bowerman of Angola; a half-brother, Billy Eugene Gipple of Hamilton; a stepbrother, Max Gipple of Ashley; two sisters, Ruth Everitts of Hamilton and Mary Getts of Kendallville; a stepsister, Violet Wysong of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren, Kelli, Luke, Gina, Andrew and Eli Bidlack, Erica Woodman, Tonya and Trenton Lepper and Colton, Ben, Sara and Hannah Bowerman; and a great-grandson, Alex Woodman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Bill Gipple; a brother, William "Buddy" Bowerman; and a half-brother, Lennie Gipple.

Services are set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jon Bruney and the Rev. Jack Baumgardner officiating.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Private family graveside services will be held at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Suggested memorials are to RISE Inc. of Angola.

Helen Geyer

DECATUR — Helen I. Geyer, 77, died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, at 2:20 a.m. in Adams County Memorial Hospital's emergency room.

Mrs. Geyer was a homemaker and lived in Decatur. She was a longtime active member of Decatur Church of God, where she had served as a Sunday school teacher. She was currently serving as coordinator for the prayer chain ministry and was a member of the Women of the Church of God. She was a former 4-H leader and Cub Scout leader.

She was born Dec. 11, 1924, in Mercer County, Ohio, to Jessie H. and Frances M. (Heller) Michaud.

She married Verlyn R. Geyer on Dec. 8, 1946, in Willshire, Ohio, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene K. and Rex Johnson of Hudson; two sons, Edwin W. Geyer of Decatur and Roger A. Geyer of New Haven; one brother, Jesse Eugene Michaud of Willshire; four grandchildren, Shawn Geyer of Berne, and Joel Geyer, Maghan Geyer and Crista Bird, all of Decatur; and three great-grandchildren, Colby Cauble of Monroe, Zack Grabure of Berne and Taylor Bird of Decatur.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Decatur Church of God, with calling after 1:30 p.m. Dr. Robert Brink and the Rev. Sandy Hildebrand will officiate. Burial will be in Apostolic Church Cemetery in Vera Cruz, Ind.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Memorials are to the Decatur Church of God building fund.

Condolences may be sent to funeralinfo@zwickjohn.com.

Naomi Frazier

FORT WAYNE — Naomi Meyer Frazier, 103, died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, in University Park Nursing Home.

Mrs. Frazier lived in Fort Wayne and was an admissions counselor for Indiana Technical College for 20 years, retiring in 1963. She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority.

She was born Aug. 14, 1899, in Decatur.

Her husband, Harold L. Frazier, preceded her in death in 1985.

Surviving are two sons, Harold M. Frazier of Fort Wayne and David L. Frazier of Hudson; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Marilyn Weaver, and one great-grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola.

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The following obituary is being reprinted to correct an error.

Samantha Yates

MACY — Samantha Nicole Yates, 15, of Macy, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2002, at 8:22 p.m. as a result of an automobile accident.

Miss Yates was a student at Caston High School, where she was starting her sophomore year. She sang in the Caston choir and liked to help her cousins with modified race cars. She also liked horses and dogs.

She was born March 28, 1987, in Fort Wayne to Mark A. Yates and Kim Carmichael.

Miss Yates is survived by her father and stepmother, Mark A. and Barbara Yates of Albion; her mother and stepfather, Kim and David Bowyer of Macy; four sisters, Erika and Whitney Yates and Megan Bowyer, all at home, and Christina Bowyer at Ball State University in Muncie; her grandparents, Gene and Carol Maners and Carol Yates, all of Albion; a stepgrandmother, Vera Bowyer of Logansport; and stepgrandparents, Pat and Gary Krebs of Wolcottville.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home Kewanna Chapel, Kewanna, with the Rev. David Sommers officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling hours at the funeral home are after 2 p.m. today and after 8 a.m. Tuesday until the time of the service.

Robert Duddy

WOLCOTTVILLE — Robert Francis Duddy, 63, died Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002, at 2 p.m. at home.

Mr. Duddy lived in the Wolcottville area for three months after moving from Highland. He retired after 30 years as a deliveryman for Hostess.

He was born Sept. 8, 1938, in Lake County to Francis Robert and Opal (Jolly) Duddy.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Melody Duddy of St. John; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Jeff Larson of Clermont, Fla., and Cheryl and Mike McBride of Valparaiso; and 10 grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City. The Rev. Charles Mullen will officiate. Burial will be in St. Gaspar Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is noon-1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Services Held

ALBION — Services for **Gwendolyn K. Hays** were 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. The Rev. Ken Weaver officiated.

Burial was at Orange Township Cemetery, Rome City. Pallbearers were Heath, Tim and Chester Hays, Randy Thacker, Dave Kugler and Don Shawl.

ROME CITY — Services for **Patricia A. Walt** were 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, at St. Gaspar's Catholic Church, Rome City. Father Charles Mullen officiated.

Burial was at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla. Pallbearers were Paul Bolinger, Mike Walt Sr., Randy Belice and Neil, Zachary and Cody Whitesell. Arrangements were by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Bessie Marie "Granny" Rose** were 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, at Community Baptist Church, Wolcottville. The Rev. Leburn Combs officated.

Burial was in Brushy Chapel Cemetery. Active pallbearers were Joseph Chandler, Derrick Taylor, Nicholas and Willie Handshoe, Christopher Conley and Kevin Washington. Honorary pallbearers were Cody Carmicheal, Chad and Todd Chandler, Pvt. Anthony and David Taylor and Michael Fogg.

Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

SOUTH MILFORD — Services for **Betty Jo Cole** were 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 23, 2002, at the Church of the True God near South Milford. The Revs. Sam Sawyer and Birtchel Mosley officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Pallbearers were her grandsons, Joshua, Aaron, Nathan, Jared, Anthony and Brandon Cole, Justin Burleson and Aaron Goings. Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

The following obituary is being rinted to correct calling and serv- times.

bert Duddy

WOLCOTTVILLE — Robert ncis Duddy, 63, died Thursday, g. 22, 2002, at 2 p.m. at home.

Mr. Duddy lived in the lcottville area for three months er moving from Highland. He red after 30 years as a deliveryman Hostess.

He was born Sept. 8, 1938, in ke County to Francis Robert and al (Jolly) Duddy.

He is survived by a son and ghter-in-law, Robert and Melody ddy of St. John; two daughters and s-in-law, Karen and Jeff Larson of ermont, Fla., and Cheryl and Mike Bride of Valparaiso; and 10 grand- ildren.

Services are 2 p.m. today at St. spar Catholic Church, Rome City. e Rev. Charles Mullen will offici- . Burial will be in St. Gaspar tholic Cemetery.

Calling is from 1 to 2 p.m. today the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by Hutchins neral Home, Wolcottville.

ladys Bickel

FORT WAYNE — Gladys L. stenberger Bickel, 83, died onday, Aug. 26, 2002, at Hospice ome of Northeast Indiana.

She retired from Supermarket ervices. She was past president of FW Post 857.

Her husband, Homer, died in 82.

She is survived by a son, Delbert . of Fort Wayne; two daughters, arlene Goble of Albion and Phyllis arney of Fort Wayne; two sisters, elen Fulk of Wolf Lake and argaret Repp of Buckeye, Ariz.; six andchildren; 17 great-grandchil- en; and two great-great-grandchil- en.

Services will be at 1 p.m. ednesday at Mungovan and Sons emorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun . Burial will be in Covington emorial Gardens.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today d one hour before services.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse rvice's Hospice Home, 3015 South ayne Ave., Box 21, Fort Wayne, IN 807.

Levi Schrock

SHIPSHEWANA — Levi J. Schrock, 82, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2002, at 9:40 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Schrock came to LaGrange County in 1940 from Reno County, Kan. He was a retired farmer. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Dec. 28, 1919, to Jacob S. and Lydian (Miller) Schrock in Reno County, Kan.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, one sister and four grandchildren.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Lydian and Edwin Kuhns of Nappanee, Mattie Miller of LaGrange, Wilma and John Beechy of LaGrange, Ella and David Bontrager of Greenwood, Wis.; seven sons and daughters-in-law, Willie and Millie Schrock, Ora and Mary Schrock, and Samuel and Martha Schrock, all of LaGrange, Perry and Wilma Schrock of Topeka, Alvin and Katie Schrock of Middlebury, Jacob and Ramah Schrock of Topeka, and Elmer and Wilma Schrock of Shipshewana; two brothers, Andy Schrock of LaGrange and William Schrock of Middlebury; one sister and brother-in-law, Amanda and Moses Borntreger of Wilton, Wis.; 86 grandchildren; and 89 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the family home at 4715W — 300N, Shipshewana, with Bishop John Lambright and minister Paul Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling after 5 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the family home. Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Roger Stroop

ORLAND — Roger N. Stroop, 65, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2002, at 8:01 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County.

He was born Jan. 28, 1937, to Nelson Jennings and Esther E. (Warner) Stroop in Elkhart.

On March 20, 1970, he married Mary K. Babka in Sturgis, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Ann Marie Beiberich of Orland and Emmy Lou and Casey Dines of Stroh; three sons and daughters-in-law, Andrew and Rachel Stroop of Howe, Jason and Lisa Stroop of Fremont and Jacob and Tylynn Stroop of Orland; one sister, Linda VanBlarcum of Coldwater, Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Frurip-May Funeral Home at 7 p.m. Wednesday, with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating.

Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to Orland Fire and Rescue unit.

Maxine Jordan

WOLCOTTVILLE — Maxine E. Jordan, 83, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2002, at 5:20 a.m. at Life Care Center of LaGrange. She had been ill for two months.

She retired in 1980 after 40 years at G.E. in Fort Wayne. She came to the Wolcottville area after living at Oliver Lake from 1978-1988. Before that she had lived in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Elex Club at G.E. in Fort Wayne and the American Legion Auxiliary of LaGrange.

She was born Sept. 30, 1918, to Dayton and Ethel (Shutt) Webb in Spencerville.

She was married to Frank S. Jordan on June 7, 1952, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, James Webb of New Haven and Dayton Webb of Fort Wayne; and nieces and nephews.

No calling or services are planned. Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

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Flora Lane

KENDALLVILLE — Flora H. Lane, 78, died Sunday, Aug. 25, 2002, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

She was a homemaker.

She was born to Ed and Anna (Mikel) Hillyard.

She is survived by her sons, Jack K. Lane of Kendallville, Barry D. Lane of Kendallville; and a sister, Mary Ann Butts of New York; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

There will be no calling or services. The family is making an anatomical full body donation to Indiana University.

Alpha Funeral Service of Indianapolis is in charge of arrangements.

Seeley Tardy

SOUTH PASADENA, Fla. — Seeley Wilson Tardy, 102, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2002, in South Pasadena.

She was retired as a teacher in DeKalb County public schools and was a graduate of Tri-State College in Angola.

She belonged to First Christian Church in Auburn until 1946. She was a member of Pasadena Community Church in Pasadena, Fla., and a past matron of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 193 in Pasadena.

She was born June 16, 1900, in Butler to Charles and Bertha Wilson.

Surviving are one nephew, Gene Wilson of Auburn; two nieces, Nola Girardot of Bryan, Ohio, and Lois Sego of Windomar, Calif.; and two cousins, G'Nell Abel of Auburn and Weldon May of Albion.

Two brothers, Merril and Ross Wilson, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Beck

SYRACUSE — Charles E. Beck, 86, died at 4:43 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, at 8:43 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital.

He was a lifetime resident of the area. He was a teacher, coach and administrator in Roann, South Whitley and Ligonier, and retired from Fort Wayne Community Schools in 1976 after 37 years. He was a past exalted ruler of Ligonier Elks 451, past president of Natie Crow Beach Association, and past member of the board of directors for Wawasee Property Owners Association. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was a member of VFW Post 2915 in South Whitley and American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier. He was a 1933 graduate of Syracuse High School and of Manchester College and Indiana University.

He was born Dec. 24, 1915, to Calvin and Izel (Whitehead) Beck in Syracuse.

He married Elizabeth Simpson in 1940. She survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Richard Beck of Pompano Beach, Fla., and Wendell Beck of Avilla; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers; a sister; and infant daughter Susan Marie and infant son James Charles.

Services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will take place in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Richard J. Mathews Scholarship Fund, Kosciusko County Animal Welfare League or Wawasee Area Conservancy.

Jon Clarke

KINGMAN, Ariz. — Jon F. Clarke, 62, formerly of Kendallville, died Sunday, Aug. 25, 2002, at the Kingman Hospital emergency room following a long illness.

He was formerly employed at Eaton Corp. in Kendallville before moving to Kingman seven years ago.

He was born Sept. 4, 1939, in Freeport, Ill., to Clement and Marjorie (Whitford) Clarke.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, of Kingman; one daughter, Shannon McKean of Wolcottville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Shaun and Paula Clark of Grand Forks, N.D., Sheamus and Karla Clarke of Kendallville, and Shadd and Elizabeth Clarke of Jeffersonville; five grandchildren, Kelbi, Kieran, Khindra, Taylor and Tanner; four brothers, Charles Clarke of West New York, N.J., James Clarke of Naperville, Ill., Robert Clarke of Brevard, N.C., and Marc Clarke of Port Charlotte, Fla.; three sisters, Patricia Fogel of Freeport, Ill., Margie McCorkle of Durand, Ill., and Cynthia Atkins of Rockford, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Sally J. Ganshirt, and one son-in-law, Christopher McKean.

Services will be Saturday, Sept. 21, at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Friday, Sept. 20, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

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Eva Meitzler

ELKHART — Eva Belle Meitzler, 91, died at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, at East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Elkhart and the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 273 of Bristol. She enjoyed baking pies and breads, gardening and crocheting. She loved children and always had treats ready for them.

She was born Oct. 24, 1910, in Decatur, Mich., to Daniel and Sarah (Mortimore) Beach.

On May 16, 1931, she married Clarence E. Meitzler in Elkhart. He died Sept. 20, 1965, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Danalee Meitzler of Elkhart and Frances and Robert Moran of Kendallville; three granddaughters and their spouses, Debra and David Hockley of Kendallville; Marsha and Raymond Bassett of Kendallville, and Dr. Nancy and Norman Hockley of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Megan, Mark, Sarah and Samuel Hockley and Angela and Laura Bassett; a brother, Carl Beach of Michigan; and three sisters, Nettie Conklin of Battle Creek, Hannah Busha of Battle Creek and Frances McKay of Edwardsburg, Mich.

Preceding her in death were three brothers and five sisters.

Private graveside services will be held in Rice Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church in Elkhart, Riverview Adult Day Center, or Elkhart General Community Hospice.

Walley-Mills-Zimmerman is in charge of arrangements.

Roger Duncan

Mr. Duncan

KIMMELL — Roger Duncan, 76, a resident of rural Kimmell, formerly of Churubusco, died at 5:03 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, at the family residence at Smalley Lake in Noble County. He had been in declining health since July.

He was employed as an operating engineer at Martin Inc. in Fort Wayne for 20 years, retiring in 1982. In his leisure time he enjoyed his family, fishing and hunting.

He spent his formative years in the Churubusco area. He was educated in the Churubusco schools and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He spent all his adult life in Smith Township in Whitley County until moving to Old Lake in 1982. He and his wife moved to Smalley Lake earlier this summer.

Mr. Duncan was born July 5, 1926, in Smith Township in Whitley County, to Henry Lee and Dell (Finch) Duncan.

Following his military discharge, on Dec. 7, 1947, he married Charlotte L. Johnson in Churubusco. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna K. and Bill Batchelder of Asheville, N.C., and Jennifer and Steve Anderson of Columbia City; two sons, Bradley W. Duncan of Larwill and Neal and fiancée Kathleen Kelly of Lake Tippencanoe; a sister, Rossie Beaman of Jackson, Mich.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A son, Daniel Duncan, died in 1962. Also preceding him in death were four brothers, Russell Duncan, Luther "Bus" Duncan, Thomas Duncan and Earnest Duncan; and three sisters, Frances Horn, June Collier and Elizabeth Hurst.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Eel River Baptist Church, south of Churubusco, with Pastor Mike Allen officiating.

Calling at the church Friday two hours before services.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Memorials may be directed to Eel River Baptist Church or Ormas Baptist Church.

Services Held

ROME CITY — Services for **Robert F. Duddy** were held Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, at 2 p.m. at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, with the Rev. Charles Mullen officiating.

Casketbearers were members of his family.

Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, was in charge of arrangements.

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Ray Allen Kline, 69

FORT WAYNE–Ray Allen Kline, 69, died Saturday, August 24, 2002, at 3 a.m. in his home at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kline was employed as a technical engineer at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 33 years, retiring in 1993. He was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne. He belonged to the Masonic Lodge in New Haven and the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving in the Korean War.

He had lived in Fort Wayne for 40 years, coming from Kendallville.

He was born April 4, 1933, in Green Township, Noble County, to Paul D. and Dorothy (Bower) Kline.

He married Marcia A. Jacobs on Nov. 17, 1956, in Kendallville, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Allen and Susan Kline of Auburn, Steven Kline of Fort Wayne and Douglas Kline of Edinburgh Scotland; three grandchildren, Brandon, Brice and Brittany Kline; and a brother, Keith Kline of Albion.

Services were held on Wednesday, August 28, 2002 at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. David Easterday and the Rev. Kevin Boyd officiating.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Maxine Collins

AVILLA -- Maxine Collins, 81, died Wednesday, August 21, 2002, at 6 p.m. at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born on December 29, 1920, in Green Township to George and Effie (Owen) Kimmel. She first married Clarence "Joe" Veit in 1942. He preceded her in death in 1970. She then married Cleveland "Ed" Collins on February 14, 1973, in Kendallville. He survives.

She owned and operated a beauty shop in Albion during the 1940's. She attended the First Christian Church in Kendallville. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Faye Lemish, Betty Mote, and Donnabelle Kimmel and one brother, Edward Kimmel.

Memorials are to the church.

Surviving is her husband, Cleveland "Ed Collins of Avilla; sisters, Lalia Hand of Fort Wayne, Barbara Rider of Larwill and Midge Marshall of Cromwell and a brother, Bill Kimmel of Churubusco.

There is no visitation. Memorials services were held Saturday at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating.

Burial will be in the Huntertown Cemetery at a later date.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@hitefuneralhome.com.

Patricia A. Walt

ROME CITY–Patricia A. Walt, 69, died on Tuesday, August 20, 2002 at 10:29 as a result of an accident at Drake Rd. and New St. Rd. 3, Kendallville.

She was born on April 13, 1933 in Garrett to Wilford and Dorothy (Warstler) Hall. On June 7, 1952 in Garrett she married Robert T. Walt. He survives.

Mrs. Walt was an Engineer's Aid with Magnavox retiring in 1996 after 30 years of service. She was a lifetime resident of the area. She graduate from Garrett High School in 1951, was a member of the Albion Eagles, the Avilla American Legion Auxiliary and St. Gasper Catholic Church.

Surviving besides her husband Robert Walt and her mother Dorothy Hall are three daughters, Patrice (Neil) Whitesell of Ligonier, Pamela Walt-Williams of Ft. Wayne, Paula (Randy) Belice of Chicago; seven grandchildren, Zachary, Katie, Amy, Cody Whitesell, Tierra, Janel, Chenea Williams; her mother, one sister Helen Hall of Atlanta, GA

Her father, Wilford Hall preceded her in death.

Services were held at St. Gasper Catholic Church in Rome City on Saturday, August 24, 2002 with Rev. Charles Mullins officiating. A rosary service was held at the funeral home. She was buried at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Preferred memorials are to St. Gasper Catholic Church or Gibault Inc. School for Boys & Girls.

Samantha Nicole Yates, 15

MACY–Samantha Nicole Yates, 15, of Macy, died Friday, August 23, 2002, at 8:22 p.m. as a result of an automobile accident.

Miss Yates was a student at Caston High School, where she was starting her sophomore year. She sang in the Caston choir and liked to help her cousins with modified race cars. She also liked horses and dogs.

She was born March 28, 1987, in Fort Wayne, to Mark A. Yates and Kim Carmichael.

Miss Yates is survived by her father and stepmother, Mark A. and Barbara Yates of Albion; her mother and stepfather, Kim and David Bowyer of Macy; four sisters, Erika and Whitney Yates and Megan Bowyer, all at home, and Christina Bowyer at Ball State University in Muncie; her grandparents, Gene and Carol Maners and Carol Yates, all of Albion; a step grandmother, Vera Bowyer of Logansport; and step grandparents, Pat and Gary Krebs of Wolcottville.

Services were held on Tuesday, August 27, 2002 at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home Kewanna Chapel, Kewanna, with the Rev. David Sommers officiating. Burial was private.

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Gladys Bickel

FORT WAYNE–Gladys L. Listenberger Bickel, 83, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2002, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She retired from Supermarket Services. She was past president of VFW Post 857.

Her husband, Homer, died in 1982.

She is survived by a son Delbert W. of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Darlene Goble of Albion and Phyllis Barney of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Helen Fulk of Wolf Lake and Margaret Repp of Buckeye, Ariz.; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, August 28, 2002 at Mungovan and Sons Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home, 3015 South Wayne Ave., Box 21, Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Rev. M. Max Morgan

LIGONIER — Former Ligonier resident the Rev. M. Max Morgan, 81, died at noon Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002, in Hope Village Nursing Home, Canby, Ore.

The Rev. Morgan was also a former resident of Anderson, Ind., before moving to Oregon.

He was born on Aug. 6, 1921, ir Marion, Ind., to Cyrus G. and Eva (Smithson) Morgan. He graduated from Marion High School in 1939, Taylor University in 1951 and Western Evangelical Seminary in 1954.

He was a retired minister from the Evangelical Church of North America and also a retired tool and die maker for Fort Wayne Tool and Die.

The Rev. Morgan was a veteran of the United States Army, having served in World War II as a second lieutenant.

He married his first wife, Leona G. (Creek) Morgan, on Oct. 29, 1946, in Rock Creek, Ind., and she preceded him in death in 1994. He married Evelyn Fennern Harder Morgan on Nov. 2, 1996, in Portland, Ore., and she survives.

He was also preceded in death by one brother, C. Melvin Morgan.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three daughters, Sarah and the Rev. Hubert Harriman of Marion, Mary and Dennis Norling of Ligonier, and Julia and Jeff Hendricksen of Wall, N.J.; two sons, the Rev. Daniel and Lizbeth Morgan of Gillette, Wyo., and the Rev. Jonathon and Charma Morgan of Bartlesville, Okla.

He had 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Ligonier Evangelical Church, with Dr. Thomas H. Hermiz officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Visitation will be Monday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, from 2 to 8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. until services on Tuesday at the church.

Memorial contributions can be made to Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1911 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN

Pauline Thornton

HOWE — Pauline V. "Polly" Thornton, 96, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2002, at 2:27 p.m. at LaGrange Community Hospital.

She came to LaGrange County from Elkhart in 1949. She retired as former co-owner with her husband of Thornton Electric Co. in Elkhart.

She was born in Noble County Jan. 3, 1906, to Harley C. and Mabel (Benton) Bowlby.

She married Harry A. Thornton Sept. 1, 1929. He died Aug. 12, 1968. Also preceding her in death were three brothers, Russell, Harry and Robert Bowlby; and two sisters, Irene Blodgett and Vera Parazoo.

Surviving are a sister, Evelyn Jones of Seminole, Fla.; a first cousin, Harry W. Snoke of Fort Wayne; four nieces and one nephew, including nieces Maryann Wilshere of Wixom, Mich., and Sharon Blodgett of New York City.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Rice Cemetery in Elkhart. Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Ashley Noble

LIGONIER — Ashley Marie Noble, 8, died at home Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002. She had been ill with leukemia since June 1999.

She was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church of God in our Lord Jesus Christ. She had completed first grade.

She was born in Kendallville Aug. 31, 1993, to John and Brenda (Jacobs) Fair, who survive. She was a lifetime resident of Ligonier.

She is also survived by two brothers, Adam Ritchie and Jonathan Noble, both at home; grandparents Lydia Jacobs Hall of Topmost, Ky., J.B. and Bett Noble of Indianapolis, Mauda and Fred Frazier of Hindman, Ky., and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Her grandfather Frank Jacobs preceded her in death.

Services will be in Martin, Ky.

Calling in Ligonier is Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ray A. Kline** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Revs. David Easterday and Kevin Boyd officiated. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Pallbearers were Allen Kline, Steven Kline, Douglas Kline, Kerry Foster, Brad Rollins and Jed Young.

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Crystal Shively

CHURUBUSCO — Crystal B. Shively, 89, died at 5:05 a.m. today, Aug. 30, 2002, at Beverly Rehab and Specialty Care in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

She was a member of the Collins United Methodist Church, its United Methodist Women, and the Smith Township Home Extension Club.

Mrs. Shively

Mrs. Shively was born near Larwill in Whitley County on May 30, 1913, to Frank and Clara B. (Gebert) Deutsch. She moved to Smith Township near Collins as a young girl and spent her formative years in that community.

On Oct. 16, 1929, she was married in Louisville, Ky., to C. Allen Shively, who along with his brother Paul "Pete" Shively, founded the Churubusco Woodworking Co. Inc. in 1948. The couple spent their married life in the Churubusco area, and Mr. Shively preceded her in death on Sept. 18, 1971.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael D. and Arlene Shively of Churubusco; three daughters and sons-in-law, Marsaleete and Harold Boggs of Tavares, Fla., Sally and Donald "Jake" Waltenburg of Fort Wayne and Pat and Stan Pressler of Huntington; a brother, Clifford Deutsch of Columbia City; three sisters, Katherine Nace and Isabelle Maggart, both of Columbia City, and Virginia Owens of Albion; nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Mabel Henderson; and by three brothers, Lloyd, Gerald and Virgil Deutsch.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Robert Priest, pastor of Collins United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is at the funeral home on Saturday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the church. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Dr. Rodney Springer

COLDWATER, Mich. — Dr. Rodney W. Springer, 62, died Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, after suffering a heart attack Aug. 23.

Dr. Springer was a dentist in Angola from 1964 until he retired in 1992. He attended South Side High School in Fort Wayne and was a graduate of the Indiana School of Dentistry.

He was a member and past president of the Angola Rotary Club and was instrumental in its scholarship golf tournament. He also belonged to the Angola Elks Club. He was an avid golfer, fisherman and hunter.

He was born March 1, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Lillian (Ritcha) Springer. His mother survives in Syracuse, N.Y., and his father preceded him in death.

He married Dr. Elaine Schultz in 1992 and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Rod W. Springer Jr. of Lake James; one daughter, Julie Murphy of Melbourne, Fla.; one sister, Susan Roberts of Syracuse, N.Y.; and three grandchildren, Andrew, Ryan and Megan Murphy, all of Melbourne, Fla.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours.

Memorials are to the Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Wanda Ainslie

FORT WAYNE — Wanda M. Ainslie, 67, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a native of Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker.

Her husband, Bernard D., died in 1993.

Surviving are a daughter, Roxanne Jastrzemski of Fort Wayne; two sons, Bruce of Fort Wayne and David of Albion; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

No calling or services.

Memorials to Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home.

Arrangements by D.O, McComb & Sons Lakeside Funeral Home.

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Mary Ellen Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary Ellen Bontrager, 74, died Friday, Aug. 30, 2002, at 4:30 a.m. at home. She had been in declining health.

Mrs. Bontrager lived most of her life in LaGrange County. She was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Feb. 23, 1928, in Noble County to Edward and Amelia (Miller) Slabach. She married Harley E. Bontrager Nov. 18, 1947, in Shipshewana. He preceded her in death Dec. 24, 1995.

Two grandchildren, Sarah Bontrager and infant boy Yoder, and a brother, Ervin Slabach, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Wilma and Delbert Stutzman and Nettie and Ervin Miller, all of Shipshewana, Katie and Olin Lehman of Middlebury, and Edna and Harvey Yoder and Anna and Freeman Nissley, all of Millersburg; six sons and daughters-in-law, Wilbur and Esther Bontrager, Alton and Carolyn Bontrager, Harley Jr. and Treva Bontrager and Levi and LeAnna Bontrager, all of Shipshewana, Chris and Mary Bontrager of Millersburg and Eli and Nora Bontrager of Goshen; 57 grandchildren; and 50 great-grandchildren.

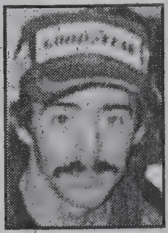
Also surviving are three sisters and a brother-in-law, Nettie and Roy Hochstetler, Ida Mae Bontrager and Katie Yoder, all of Shipshewana; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Chris and Ramah Slabach and Edward Slabach Jr., and Mattie Slabach, all of Shipshewana.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Jerry Slabach home, Shipshewana. Bishop Leonard H. Miller, the Rev. Lester Yoder and the Rev. Marvin Lee Bontrager will officiate. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is after noon today and all day Sunday at the family home.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Timothy Lovely



Mr. Lovely

AVILLA — Timothy Ray Lovely, 46, of Piketon, Ohio, and recently of Avilla, died as a result of a motorcycle accident Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, in the Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio.

He had lived in Piketon for two months and for most of his life in Avilla. He worked in a factory and was divorced. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was born June 10, 1956, in Knott County, Ky., to William and Norma (Shepherd) Lovely. His father preceded him in death May 26, 1988. His mother survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Meagan Tindall of Winslow; three sons, Ryan Lovely of Florida, Cody Lovely of South Milford and Joshua Tindall of Winslow; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Zaundra and Carter Hicks of Kendallville, Lynda and David Butler of Piketon, and Kaye and Robert Fisher of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Wade Justin Lovely of LaGrange and Duane Edward Lovely of Cosperville.

Also surviving are his fiancee, Patty Judd of Piketon; her son, Jacob Elliott of Piketon; and her daughter, Christy Bushatz of Piketon.

Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Carter and the Rev. Zaundra Hicks of the Gospel Lighthouse Church, Kendallville, will officiate. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or charity of the donor's choice.

Lloyd Miller

Mr. Miller

ANGOLA — Lloyd Paul Miller, 80, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, at his home.

He was a machinist at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1984 after working there 43 years. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and the Angola Moose Lodge.

Mr. Miller was born in Fort Wayne Aug. 18, 1922, to Theo (Harker) and Earl Miller. They preceded him in death.

He married Virgina Craighead on June 13, 1940. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons, James R. Miller Sr. of Angola, Gerald M. Miller of Hobart, John T. Miller of Fort Wayne, Joseph P. Miller of Maple Valley, Wash., and Jeffrey C. Miller of Auburn; three daughters, Carolyn K. Graft of Indianapolis, and Susan A. Shepherd and Paula M. Brauner, both of Fort Wayne; one brother, Louis R. Miller of Fort Wayne; one sister, Betty Wiedman of Fort Wayne; 25 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 700 W. Maumee, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is at the church Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with prayer services at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

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Bryan Pocock

ANGOLA — Bryan A. Pocock, 29, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, near Angola.

He worked on a farm and enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.

He was born Jan. 3, 1973, to Dan and Betty (McCaslin) Pocock. They survive.

On Nov. 1, 2000, he married Margaret Sherman, who survives.

Also surviving are one stepson, T.J. Gilbert of Chicago; three stepdaughters, Jessica and Carey Gilbert of Kendallville and Bambie Gilbert of Garrett; three brothers, Kevin, Adam and Philip Pocock, all of Angola; three sisters, Stephanie Armstrong and Stacey Green, both of Angola, and Sheila Redman of Garrett; a grandmother, Annabel Pocock of Angola; four stepgrandchildren; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Keith Pocock.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. The Rev. Stephen Altman will officiate. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Bryan Pocock Memorial Fund in care of the First National Bank of Fremont.

Mary Henderson

ANGOLA — Mary R. Henderson, 58, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, as the result of an accident on the Indiana Toll Road.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Diane Fry

TOPEKA — Diane Jo Fry was stillborn Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Surviving are her parents, Ervin Jay and JoAnn (Miller) Frey of Topeka; three sisters, Emily Jane and Erica Dawn Fry and her twin, Deann Rose Fry, all at home; a brother, Jalen Felty Fry, at home; her grandparents, Felty and Katie Fry of Topeka and Freeman O. and Linda Sue Miller of Shipshewana; and two great-grandmothers, Wilma Wingard of Shipshewana and Elma Miller of Topeka.

Services are 3 p.m. today at the family home, 4095W — 700S, Topeka. Bishop Samuel Herschberger of the Old Order Amish Church will officiate. Graveside services will follow. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

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